

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2019

Board and staff members present:

Don Bergdall
Shannon Smitley
Nate Rumschlag
Richard Lambert
John Carroll
Jim Franz

Superintendent, Barry Scherer
Attorney, Mark Burry
Brooke Hindenlang
Commonwealth Engineering: Ben Adams

Opening of meeting

Shannon called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Richard, 2nd by John approve the minutes as amended.
Approved 6-0

Payment of Claims:

Claims were presented totaling \$2,464.18. Itemized list presented to board and included in record.

Still needs to pay a software bill

Motion to pay claims, as presented, by Don, 2nd by Jim. Approved 6-0

Superintendent's Report

Barry reported that County Council has agreed to loan the district \$500,000 through the end of 2020 and renewable through 2021 at zero interest for the purposes of engineering of the remaining service areas in the project.

Project exemption forms have been coming in, but none of them have passed.

CEI & Barry have reviewed the well locations for Bobo.

Barry reported that this has gone smoother with the public.

October 21st Barry will take vacation. Nathan S. will be here to do inspections and watch the pump stations for the district.

Barry is looking at future Indiana Rural Water conference dates.

Engineer's Report

Project bids advertised this Wednesday and next Wednesday. Bids open on October 10th at 2pm.

CEI has been answering contractor questions and bidders are already starting to get the plans.

SRF closing is scheduled around February 1st. Work may start around March 1st.

Ben asked about a new Decatur update on the treatment agreement.

Nate – Recommended getting the update on all of the proposed service areas at one time.
The Bobo service area was in the original agreement and wouldn't require an amendment.

Barry presented the proposal from CEI for the engineering of the other areas.

Shannon – What the Health Department recommends is our goal for priority.

Barry – The samples from Linn Grove came back off the charts. Also the council is asking that we do Barrington Woods service area no matter what.

Nate – Let's get the recommendations in writing from the Health Department.

Nate motioned to request recommendations from the health department members as our priority for project proposals. Motion was seconded by Jim. Approved 6 – 0

Nate asked for a digital copy of the plans.

Attorney

No comments.

Bank Reconciliation:

Reconciliation records were sent to the board on Monday.

Nate motioned to approve the reconciliation. Motion was 2nd by John. Approved 6-0

Public Comments:

Lou – Can you explain the finance agreement with SRF?

Ben – The SRF pool of funds include forgivable loans. The district will still be required to enter into an agreement.

Barry – We did add a generator and trash pump as alternates to the projects out for bid.

Ben – Since we have both 3 and 1 phase power the generator will come at a premium. You lost power in two service areas for almost 3 hours recently.

Don – what size generator?

Ben – I don't know off hand.

Barry – how many grinder stations?

Ben – 45 and the meeting with the supplier went well.

Jim – anyone saying no way?

Barry – No, Dick and I (Barry) drove the service area and it is working better then I last project startup.

Dick – Nobody he met with was mad over the project.

Health Department is making everyone collapse septic tanks. No matter if they connect, but were ordered to connect. The use of the failed septic systems while they refuse connection won't be an option under this project.

Public – Do you have a list for costs?

Barry– The sewer rate ordinance covers all of that.

Motion to adjourn by Nate, 2nd by John. Meeting adjourned. 6-0