

**Delaware County Regional Wastewater District
Board of Trustees**

August 1, 2018

Members present: President R. Maynard, Mr. R. Parsons, Mr. P. Olson, Mr. J. Brooke, Mr. L. Crouch and Mrs. B. Ragland.

Ex-Officio Member: Mr. J. Turner, Del. Co. Health Dept.

Staff present: Attorney D. Struble, Director J. Richards, and Mrs. P. Ring.

Others present: Mr. Rob Bellucci and Mr. Wayne Bailey, Commonwealth Engineers. Mr. Doug Baldessari, H.J. Umbaugh.

President Maynard opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Brooke motioned to approve the July 11th, 2018 meeting minutes. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 5-0. (Mr. Olson not present as of yet.)

Mr. Parsons moved to approve the claims from July 1st through July 31st, 2018 totaling \$246,511.90. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Director Richards reported everything is normal in the office and in the field. Delinquent accounts have decreased from \$48,969.61 to \$41,371.81 since last month's report for all areas of the District. He gave Commonwealth Engineering the initial draft findings of the Westbrook Flow Study from GRW Engineers; Mr. Miller of GRW stated the final report will be finished August 17, 2018. The control upgrades for the 600 W lift station are moving forward since Commonwealth has signed off on the design. The first billing with the \$5.00 rate reduction for the Royerton and DeSoto areas went out on July 31st. He stated he spoke with Mrs. Ring and Mr. Jones and they would like to keep billing in house rather than outsourcing since things are going smoothly in the office. Mr. Brooke would like to keep the quotes for outsourcing billing on the table until it is known for sure the work load will be manageable.

Attorney Struble reported she still has not received the remainder of the District's files from Attorney Mark Abrell; she recommends filing a replevin action against him to get the files returned. Mr. Brooke stated the Board has been dealing with this for over a year; he doesn't see any other recourse of action.

Mr. Brooke motioned to authorize our counsel to file a replevin action for Attorney Mark Abrell to return the District's files and also to seek reimbursement for attorney fees. Mr. Parsons seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Attorney Struble reported our IURC attorney recommended we seek an injunction against Muncie Sanitary District for encroaching on our service area until the IURC case is resolved. **Mr. Brooke motioned to authorize Attorney Struble to file an injunction against Muncie Sanitary District. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

Attorney Struble asked for a vote to write off \$1500.00 of Edna Fulk's balance based on a decision made by the hardship committee last month. **Mr. Crouch**

motioned to write off \$1500.00 of Edna Fulk's balance. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Brooke opposing.

Mr. Bellucci presented Commonwealth's progress/status report to the Board. It is attached to the minutes. He reported the Preliminary Engineering Report presentation for the joint treatment plant went well with Liberty Regional. The Indiana Finance Authority and SRF meeting is set for mid-August. They are finalizing the District plan and the work is ongoing regarding lift station repairs.

Mr. Baldessari presented the Daleville Service Area Impact and Rate Analysis to the Board. It is attached to the minutes. Discussion was held between the Board and Mr. Baldessari regarding their analysis.

Mrs. Ragland asked about Mrs. LuAnn Ratz's final life insurance payment (the insurance company is not affiliated with the District) which was being deducted from her pay by her request. It was paid, the check was cashed. Mrs. Ring will provide a check number to Mrs. Ragland.

Mr. Mitch Isaacs thanked the Board for the \$5.00 rate reduction and asked how it happened. Mr. Brooke replied the County Commissioners reduced it due to residential appeal. He asked about the Town of Daleville wanting to take over the Daleville area sewer lines. Mr. Brooke replied he made the motion last year. He also asked about the status of negotiations with Muncie Sanitary District. Mr. Brooke stated he did not know.

Hearing no further comments, President Maynard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. R. Maynard, President