

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

May 13, 2019

Members present: President R. Maynard, Mr. P. Olson, Mr. J. Brooke, Mr. R. Hensley, Mrs. B. Ragland, and Mr. M. Jacobs.

Ex-Officio Member: Jeff Turner, Del. Co. Health Department

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

Others present: Mr. Rob Bellucci, Commonwealth Engineers

President Maynard called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Brooke moved to approve the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Olson moved to approve the claims from April 1 through April 30, 2019 totaling \$302,907.01. Mr. Brooke seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Director Richards reported maintenance staff have been battling rain all over the District; there has been a total of 8 inches this month. They are popping manholes to see where water is coming in so repairs can be made. It has been thirty days since a list of office records we requested to destroy was sent to the state; all of these records have been and since there has been no word from the state to the contrary we will be allowed to destroy and recycle the records on our list. There are two pumps that need to be either replaced or repaired; Director Richards is waiting on quotes. The collections update is as follows: the delinquent amount for all areas is 22,353.98. That number includes a few customers with larger balances that are paying faithfully on a forbearance agreement. Maintenance is working with AEP to move the power supply for the 600 w lift station due to bridge and sidewalk construction. Director Richards presented a bid for manhole epoxy coating to the Board. A previous quote was \$9942.50; the new quote is in the amount of \$8,431.50. Discussion was held regarding the scope of services. **Mr. Olson motioned to accept the bid subject to the scope of work to be amended to include repair of damage inside and bench walls. Mr. Brooke seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

Attorney Struble filed the proceeding supplemental on the Mark Abrell replevin case; it is set for an initial hearing on May 31st. Attorney Abrell filed the appendixes but no brief; when he does it will trigger her 30 day time limit to get our response ready. Attorney Hoover is working on the Clark property case; she sent a notice to connect and will proceed as necessary after their time is up to respond.

Mr. Bellucci presented the Progress/status report for May to the Board. It is attached to the minutes. In order to complete the financial component for the joint treatment plant, they need to check with our rate consultant to be sure the assumptions made previously are consistent with what they are finding

now. They will be able to present findings to the Board at the next meeting. The agency notification letters have been sent out and they have thirty days to respond to us, therefore, in early June we can finish the environmental report and make a decision to pursue funding.

Mr. Brooke handed out the Royerton/Desoto rate analysis report from Jennifer Wilson of Crowe, LLC to the Board. The bottom line of the analysis is: at the former proposed rates from Muncie Sanitary District of 4.16 and 3.80 Royerton and DeSoto would still be losing money and even a subsidy would not save enough compared to building a treatment plant. The Interlocal Agreement we signed with Liberty Regional is now at the commitment phase; Liberty has 60 days to decide if they want to move forward with us. **Mr. Brooke motioned that this Board determines to make a Phase 1 commitment to go forward with the treatment plant. Mr. Olson seconded.** Mr. Olson thinks there is only one way moving forward that makes sense and that is combining Districts; we are spending serious money and there is no reason for our customers to think there may be some trouble between Boards down the road. As part of our letter to them regarding the commitment; we need to add that we need to discuss merging these two Boards. IDEM does not like two entities owning the same treatment plant. **Roll call vote: President R. Maynard, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. J. Brooke, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; Mrs. B. Ragland, yes; and Mr. M. Jacobs, yes. Motion passed 6-0.** Discussion was held regarding sending a letter to Liberty Regional. **Mr. Brooke motioned to have Attorney Struble send a letter to the President of the Liberty Regional Board that we have taken the steps necessary to the Phase 1 Commitment as stated in the Interlocal Agreement and they have 60 days in which to concur or reject their commitment to the project and also to include language to have a discussion about merging the Regional and Liberty Boards. Roll call vote: President R. Maynard, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. J. Brooke, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; Mrs. B. Ragland, yes; and Mr. M. Jacobs, yes. Motion passed 6-0.**

Hearing no further comments, President Maynard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. R. Maynard, President