

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

**September 4, 2019**

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

**Ex-Officio Member:** not present

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

**Others present:** Mr. Rob Bellucci and Mr. Wayne Bailey, Commonwealth Engineers

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

**Mr. Olson motioned to approve the August 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

**Mr. Olson moved to approve the claims from August 1 through August 31, 2019 totaling \$285,027.19. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

Director Richards reported delinquent accounts in all areas amount to \$22,457.85; a huge chunk of that amount is the Clark properties. Royerton accounts are delinquent in the amount of \$19,517.77. We uncapped two properties, capped one property. Two pumps were replaced that were reported on last month, one in Westbrook and the other in Royerton. Smoke testing will be done in the Hamilton drive area off of SR 3 and SR 28 tomorrow. Regarding Buckeye and Marathon connecting; Mr. Turner, Health Department; doesn't have any testing information on those properties but will look into it. Buckeye wants no part of connecting to the sewer. It was just found that the Town of Daleville had bored into one of our lines. Director Richards has asked Daleville to pick up the bill for the repair; he is waiting on Culy to prepare a quote for the repair.

Attorney Struble stated the agreement for Barnes and Thornburg to be our Bond counsel needs to be approved. **Mr. Olson motioned to approve the Barnes and Thornburg agreement so they may serve as our Bond counsel. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 6-0.** Attorney Struble informed the Board she has accepted a position at a different law firm and asked the Board if they would still like to retain her services. **Mr. Olson motioned to continue to retain Attorney Struble as the District's Attorney. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 6-0.** Discussion was held regarding getting a response to Liberty Regional. Mr. Olson stated if we are not set up as one combined Board both Boards would be setting themselves up to fail and that is not fair to the customers. We need to get this done now beginning with the offer of merging the Boards with two of their Board members starting now. We should just go alone if there is no agreement to be made with Liberty Regional. **Mr. Olson motioned our Board start the merger process with Liberty Regional Wastewater District's Board and put together a team to start the legal process. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Roll call vote: President R. Maynard, yes; Mrs. J. Boyce, yes;**

**Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mrs. B. Ragland, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; and Mr. M. Jacobs, yes. Motion passed 6-0.**

Mr. Bellucci with Commonwealth Engineers presented the monthly Progress/Status Report to the Board; it is attached to these minutes. He stated the Board needs to pick a site for the plant to be built; keeping in mind what direction the District will go in relation to combining Boards.

Director Richards stated Mr. Brooke asked he and Mrs. Ring to look at the Budget to see if we could fund software upgrades; the money is not defined in the budget to pay in full, although, there will be an installment plan rather than an upfront total cost. The total will be \$33,000.00; 10% down to start then about March 2020 a payment of \$15,000.00 and the final payment of \$14,700.00 when we go live, which will be around August of 2020. Mrs. Boyce had questions regarding the possible extras and things that are not included in the cost. Mrs. Ring will contact Mr. Nye of Software Solutions to see if he can make a short presentation and answer questions at the next Board meeting. President Maynard asked Mr. Bailey to look for grants for software upgrades. Mr. Maynard asked Mrs. Ring if it would be cheaper to outsource billing and she explained that without the upgrade it was not feasible. Director Richards spoke with a representative at Cincinnati Insurance regarding random drug testing for our DOT drivers in order to be in compliance. Concentra will add us to a pool of DOT drivers since we only have three employees this is relevant to. **Mrs. Boyce motioned for Director Richards to move forward with Concentra drug testing for our DOT employees. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

Public comments:

Attorney Abrell recognized we authorized a counter offer to Liberty Regional to expand the Board to nine appointments; he wanted to be clear on the offer, he stated he understood we would give Liberty two spots now and eventually work into a third spot to be appointed by the town of Selma. Also, if the Districts are to be combined, Liberty will pay 50% and Regional will pay 50% of the cost of the pipe to connect Liberty to the treatment plant. He pointed out Liberty would be paying more overall; that, along with their lawsuit against MSD and each of the District's IURC cases pending there are a lot of issues to be worked out and that would take time.

A homeowner asked what he would see if the plant is built close to his home. Mr. Bellucci stated there are different alternatives but in short he could see concrete tankage, an administrative building and there would be fencing.

Hearing no further comments, President Maynard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. R. Maynard, President