

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

September 2, 2020

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

Ex-Officio Member: None present

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

Others present: Mr. Rob Bellucci, Commonwealth Engineers

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

Mrs. Ragland motioned to approve the August 5, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Olson moved to approve the claims from August 1st through August 28th, 2020 totaling \$177,925.68. Mr. Walters seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Attorney Struble asked the Board for a formal vote to appeal our territory case against Muncie Sanitary District to the IURC. Muncie Sanitary District's Ordinance gives them a radius of 4 exclusive miles of territory outside of their current territory. Our IURC attorney was contacted by multiple Regional Waste Districts who asked if they can file a brief along with us to the IURC. **Mr. Olson motioned to approve an appeal to the IURC. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Roll call vote: President R. Maynard, yes; Mrs. J. Boyce, yes; Mr. M. Jacobs, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. B. Walters, yes; and Mr. R. Hensley, yes. Motion passed 7-0.**

Attorney Beeman would like to set a meeting with Director Richards and a couple board members regarding the Chesterfield treatment rate; Attorney Struble will email the Board regarding setting a meeting.

Attorney Struble went over treatment plant possible location details and the contract associated with the location. The contract has a four-phase element we would be dealing with; there is a clause for condemnation which makes it easier to work through for us.

Director Richards presented SRF disbursements to be approved for SAK, \$95,943.00; Atlas, \$202,500.00; and Commonwealth, \$23,347.00; totaling \$321,790.00. **Mr. Walters motioned to approve the SRF disbursements in the amount of \$321,790.00. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards reported the collection amount last month was \$32,139.58 and this month is down to \$27,328.79. SAK started the inlining portion of the Westbrook project today. The loan for Tanglewood

is paid to the halfway mark as of today; only ten payments left. Northpoint and Thompson Group are getting us health insurance quotes for next year.

Attorney Struble asked the Board to write off a bad debt in the amount of \$50.00 for the address of 8308 Yellowstone, Muncie, IN 47303. Mr. Olson inquired so Attorney Struble informed him there is no distinction in our statute of occupancy or non-occupancy regarding billing a property. Liberty Regional and MSD have worked out and finalized a treatment service contract; their rate is 2.49 per 100 cu ft. Attorney Struble had a Zoom meeting with Brian Hotop of MSD and he asked if we would like to meet to discuss a serious offer of working out a long-term contract. Attorney Struble let him know, the rate is our number one priority, however, the jurisdiction issue is going to have a huge part in the discussion. She informed him the District is filing an appeal with IURC regarding the jurisdiction of the 4-mile radius they have indicated in their Ordinance to be their territory. Mr. Hotop asked if Mr. Bellucci could put together a map of what the District would like to MSD to stay away from.

Mr. Bellucci reported the application for the treatment plant has been submitted to USDA and we will know more regarding funding in October.

President Maynard recommended Mrs. Wilson of CROWE crunch some numbers regarding how MSD and Chesterfield rates could affect our customer's rates.

Mr. Jacobs motioned to write off \$50.00. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Walters motioned to have Mr. Bellucci draft a map of the District with boundary lines. Mr. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Walters motioned to continue negotiations with MSD. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Walters motioned to continue with Mrs. Wilson to crunch numbers regarding MSD and Chesterfield. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 7-0.


Mr. Bellucci went over Commonwealth's monthly report. The monthly report is attached to these minutes. He will have the District boundary map drawn up quickly.

Attorney Struble will set up a committee meeting (Mrs. Boyce, Mr. Jacobs, and Mrs. Ragland) regarding property for the treatment plant.

Mr. Maynard asked Mr. Walters and Mr. Hensley to sit in on the Chesterfield meeting.

Hearing no further comments, President Maynard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. R. Maynard, President