

STEUBEN LAKES REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 14, 2013  
13-2R

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Heckley  
Bob Coder  
Jim VanVelerah  
George Pifer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Kidd  
Lyndon Tucker  
Harry Krebs

Also present

- Bruce Deters – Collection Supervisor

Bill Heckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

At the end of the meeting the public will be given the opportunity to speak and in the interest of time each person shall be limited to three minutes. Your comments will be part of the public record of the minutes so we ask you to present them in a professional manner and to speak to issues that are relevant to the business of the District.

Minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval by the Board. Upon motion made by Bob Coder and seconded by Jim VanVelerah, the Board approved the January 10, 2013 4 ayes, Unanimous

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports, check register, bank account report, and claims, were presented for review. Bruce Deters stated no changes from ordinary. Bill asks if anyone had questions. Bob questions the cost for wire on page 5. Bill informed him that is for the 5 full rolls. Jim VanVelerah moved and Bob Coder seconded the motion. 4 aye's, unanimous

#### OLD BUSINESS

Bruce Deters stated there was no old business.

NED - Bill Heckley informed the Board there was nothing new on the NED project and that the District is waiting on paperwork from the state so there is nothing to report. They had 8 or 9 responses from agencies; they were waiting on 2 or 3 more. Bob Coder asked if we had any updates from the State Park. Jim VanVelerah reported on a meeting he and Jim Kidd had with some of the Officials for the Park, and some other department heads there, and a video conference with the department from Indianapolis which the Engineers wrote up a draft of that meeting. It was productive. Effectively nothing was decided. There were a lot of questions asked and they had some financing issues that the engineer and the District were unaware of. It was more of a Q&A and they

were very positive. The engineers are to report back.

Miller Poultry – Bill Heckley stated they spoke to Steve Maxwell on Monday and he reported that they have taken samples and now he is waiting on the State to approve the sample tests. Bruce Deters, yes Steve Maxwell is waiting on the results from the samples to pass on to the state so they may proceed on with their evaluation. Still Moving along.

Bledsoe – George Pifer noticed that Mr. Gastineau had services related to Bledsoe and Cress deal is there some explanation. We had received another letter concerning a meter that had a lock on it. He wanted a key to the lock to gain access into the box. Since the request came through the lawyers we had to respond through our lawyers.

## NEW BUSINESS

HB1497 – George Pifer In regards to HB1497 after the commissioners looked at the summary that Tim wrote up on the bill and the critical points were, I asked them if they would please submit a letter to Representative Zent and to Representative Wolkins, they said they would so I would like to make it part of the record that this was the letter the three commissioners submitted and like they indicated they were deeply concerned the way the bill was written. Bill read the letter to all from Commissioners Smith, Crowl, and Smart and made it part of our record.

George Pifer – I realize Tim is not here but I have been looking at some of the research in regards to taking some of the pharmaceuticals out of the water supplies. There are different ways of doing this. There is the conventional which doesn't seem to be very effective which we are using with activated sludge method and then distributing that sludge. Then there is a method called membrane bioreactor process, which is reverse osmosis, a little more complicated and seems to be a little more effective. But one of the points I would like to make here is that we are trying to use the latest science and trying to take out the pharmaceutical like Prozac, etc. What they are finding is that like antidepressants they are going into the water supplies and affecting the ecosystem, they are affecting fish. This is a matter of concern. We're not just talking wastewater here we are in the business clean water. I think we should be looking into this. Discussions ensued. No action at this time.

Bill Heckley asked Bruce Deters if there was anything to report. Bruce Deters said everything was going fine and no upsets in Tim's absence.

## LEGAL REPORT

None

## ENGINEER REPORT

None

## OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Bill Heckley asked if there were any public comments

ADJOURN

Jim VanVelerah motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bob Coder, 4 ayes,  
Unanimous.