

**STEUBEN LAKES REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2015  
15-08R  
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Coder  
Jim Kidd  
Lyndon Tucker  
Rob Moreland  
George Pifer  
Jim Van Vlerah  
Chad Wise

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also Present

--- Bruce Boxberger – District Attorney  
--- Kenneth Jones, Jr. - Jones Petrie Rafinski

Jim Van Vlerah called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Van Vlerah read the following statement: At the end of the meeting, the public will be given an opportunity to speak. In the interest of time, each person shall be limited to three minutes. Your comments will be part of the public record of the meeting so we ask that you present them in a professional manner and speak to issues relevant to the business of the District.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.**

The Board presented minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting for review and approval. Upon motion made by Jim Kidd and seconded by Bob Coder, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The financial reports, check register, project check register, bank account report, and claims, were presented for review. Lyndon Tucker moved and Rob Moreland seconded the motion to accept the financial reports as presented, which motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NIPSCO Lease Agreement - Bruce Boxberger stated the lease is ready for signatures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Requesting to Issue a Building Permit to James H. Carpenter, 460 LN 415 Jimmerson Lake who has a Past Due Account with Liens Filed. The District Sewer Use Ordinance 2015-05 Section II-4 Building Sewer Permits ... *no permits shall be issued to any applicant with a past due account with the SLRWD* - Tim Frederick stated that Mr. Carpenter

cannot upgrade his system without a permit from the District. Mr. Carpenter's tax payment agreement for a monthly payment of \$283.36 will be through June 2016. Jim Kidd moved and Rob Moreland seconded the motion to issue a building permit, which motion was unanimously approved.

200 LN 585 Lake James Encroaching Into Easement by 6 Inches - Jim Van Vlerah defined a wooden deck being an encroachment on this property that was replaced by concrete. Bruce Boxberger stated that the encroachments need to be looked at on an individual basis. Mr. Boxberger stated that a letter should be mailed to the homeowner outlining the encroachment. Mr. Van Vlerah stated that contractors and sub-contractors need to be advised of the rules of the District. Matt Tagtmeyer, of Tagtmeyer Builders, Inc., was in attendance representing the homeowner and was advised of the encroachment. The permit for this property will be issued along with a letter of encroachment. Lyndon Tucker questioned issues with the encroachment ordinances.

Additional Funds to Program the Controller to the Video Frequency Drives at Lift Station 21 - Tim stated that this lift station was rebuilt by the District at an expense of \$50,000.00, and now there is no communication between the VFD and the Controller because of the size. The cost for that upgrade is \$4,445.00. Rob Moreland moved and Jim Kidd seconded the motion to upgrade the system for the stated price, which motion was unanimously approved. Tim advised the Board once again that an outside estimate for this repair was \$150,000.00, and that in-house repair saved a significant amount.

Jessica Stuckey has been appointed to the Young Professionals Network as part of the Angola Chamber of Commerce representing the District.

#### DISRICT BUSINESS AND OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Lake Pleasant - Ken Jones updated the Board with project details. Kenneth stated that the administrative technical specs and draft contract be mailed to Tim Frederick and Carson Boxberger, that requires legal counsel to review them. Ken has been in contact with the DNR regarding channel crossing and also IDEM for sewer construction permit. He is waiting to hear from both of these agencies. He stated that the toll road also needs to be addressed as of this date.

Jim Van Vlerah stated that the District received a letter from the Steuben County Health Department supporting the project of the District. This letter will be posted to the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District web page.

NED Project - Ken discussed DNR and Fremont topics. Ken stated that 40% of the work could be completed at this time. Bob Coder questioned Ken regarding warranties for bore drilling underneath the lake. Ken stated that the contractor is guaranteeing the cost and payment is approved and made only after testing has been completed. Lyndon Tucker stated that no work should be completed before the two entities are included in the District. Rob Moreland also questioned the Board regarding startup procedures. Jim Van Vlerah stated that while he attended meetings in the past, these agencies are in favor and some commitments have been made. George Pifer stated that if the DNR does not want to move forward, the project would be very expensive for Lone Tree Point. Bruce Boxberger will update the Board in memo form since there has been an extended amount of time between responses from these entities.

Ken stated that Fremont is not part of the project as of this date, and Pokagon exists only because of Lone Tree Point residents. He also stated that the interaction has been so positive between the Pokagon and the District, that time and money would be saved if work were accomplished beforehand. Bob Coder would like the more cost effective approach. Bruce Boxberger insisted on answers from these entities. Jim Van Vlerah took a straw vote from the Board with five in favor and two in disagreement with starting the proposed work. The consensus of the Board is for Jones, Petrie Rafinski to move forward with preliminary engineering work.

#### Public Comments -

Kathleen Neuhaus owns Lake Charles West and spoke regarding Lake Charles West. All the roads, property, and land are privately owned. She also represents the Lake Charles West Association. She questioned the Board about someone was performing a survey on her property. She requested to be on the agenda at an earlier date but was declined. Jim Van Vlerah stated that the property is within the State's guidelines for inclusion in the District. Ms. Neuhaus would like to talk to Lyndon Tucker. Lyndon Tucker reviewed the map and stated that the property is included in the District according to State standards. The State of Indiana governs the landowners. Tim Frederick will have a copy of all documentation regarding the project delivered to Mrs. Neuhaus.

Brian Thomas of Lake Charles West also questioned the Board regarding cost of Lift Station #21 regarding employee time spent on the project.

Even though the District had an outside quote of \$150,000.00 for completion of the lift station, the District performed the work for a cost of \$50,000.00 and the additional cost of labor of District employees. Tim Frederick restated that savings were met. Jim Van Vlerah stated that if additional information is needed, those needs can be met by visiting the District. Detailed information is distributed monthly to Board members regarding monies spent.

Jim Van Vlerah, on behalf of the District, congratulated Tim Frederick on being employed by the District for 20 years.

Chad Wise stated that township trustees visit the Board with documentation regarding inclusion, and the District does not solicit homeowners.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Van Vlerah asked for a motion to adjourn. Such motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.