

**STEUBEN LAKES REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023  
23-01R  
5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Craig Rice  
Renee Clauss  
Larry Keeler  
Jon Flaugh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kelly Johnson  
Rob Moreland (via phone)  
Abby VanVlerah

Also Present

Christopher Nausbaum – Carson LLP  
Steve Henschen – Jones Petrie Rafinski  
Steve Brock – Therber Brock & Associates

Craig rice called the rate hearing to order at 5:30pm. Craig Rice 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 only to the matters at hand.

Steve Brock with Therber Brock & Associates is the District's financial advisor. Steve addressed the NED II project. The project will be broken into two loans, a 20-year loan with 0% financing and a 35-year loan with 0% financing. The reason for two loans is to minimize the amount of a rate increase for the District's customers. The closing of our financing is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Repayment of BAN A funds is due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We will need to renew this BAN for 90 days in order to repay with our financing. The introduced rate of \$110.27 is a nearly 19% increase from the current \$93.43 rate. This is the public hearing on this rate increase to give the public the opportunity to ask questions about the rate increase as introduced. No questions from the audience currently.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Craig Rice asked for a motion to adjourn. Such motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried; the rate hearing was adjourned.

Craig Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Craig Rice 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 only to the matters at hand.

1. RATE HEARING to adopt ordinance No. 2023-01 restated and amended sewer rate ordinance: Jon Flaugh moved, and Renee Clauss seconded the motion, to accept and approve the purposed rate ordinance No. 2023-1 restated and amended sewer rate ordinance in the amount of \$110.27 as submitted, which motion was unanimously approved.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Three pump station sites are being negotiated to try and avoid imminent domain. Letters have been sent out to property owners in regards to getting appraisals. We are awaiting a quote from an appraiser that should be under the amount of \$10,000 (around \$3,000 each). Will need to authorize Bryan Klein to signoff on appraisals not to exceed the amount of \$10,000. Pump stations in question are pump station #2 located at Co Rd 425 & Orland rd., pump station #31 located SE State Rd 120 & 300, and pump station #18 located at Co rd. 400 & Sycamore Beach Rd. Renee Clauss moved, and Jon Flaugh seconded the motion, to accept and approve the authorization of Bryan Klein to signoff on the appraisals not to exceed \$10,000 in total for pump stations 2, 31, and 18 as submitted, which motion was unanimously approved.

#### ENGINEERS REPORT

1. DELANEY PACKET: In regard to pump station #1 located at 6235 W 350 N Fremont, IN 46737. Page 2 of the packet shows a plot plan of the purposed expansion area totaling \$3,640 SFT. The agreement has been drafted and reviewed by Carson LLP and signed by the property owners and it is ready for the District to sign and exchange funds. Renee Clauss moved, and Jon Flaugh seconded the motion, to accept and approve the authorization of Bryan Klein to attend the closing and execute the agreement and authorize all documents to complete the purchase of property located at 6235 W 350 N (N 625 W and W Kimble Rd) as submitted, which motion was unanimously approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

N/A

#### NEW BUSINESS

N/A

#### DISTRICT BUSINESS & OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

N/A

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

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