

**LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2021**

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board met in Regular Session on **Thursday, April 15, 2021** at 4:00 P.M., at 116 E Wayne Street, LaGrange, IN 46761.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL Kenneth Hunn, Vice President
 Kathy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
 Gerry Turner, President
 David Gunter, Board Member
 Phil Malone, Board Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL Terry Martin, County Commissioner

GENERAL MANAGER: Adam Sams

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Jeanette Combs

ADVISORS: Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski
 Jeff Rowe, Baker Tilly
 Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP

The meeting was called to order by Gerry Turner at 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken by Jeanette Combs.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the agenda as amended.

Insert as before item K – Susan Raker request to waive penalties.

Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented the March Bank Reconciliations, a Fund Report, a Revenue w/Estimates Report, and an Appropriation Report.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the March 2021 Financial reports. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented the claims docket 3/19/2021 thru 4/15/2021 to the Board for approval.

- REGISTER OF CLAIMS dated April 15, 2021 in the amount of \$430,883.79

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the Register of Claims dated 3/19/2021 thru 4/15/2021. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Adam Sams presented the General Managers report.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the General Manager's Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened for public comments on non-public hearing issues and items not on the agenda.

William Creigh was present with questions regarding the Lois Wiederman property in Howe, IN. The home is on the Sheriff sale list. The property is currently being assessed \$100/day penalty for nonconnection. Mr. Creigh was looking to the Board of Trustees for some forgiveness of the fees in light of the fact that if he purchased the home he would make a connection.

After discussion, the Board of Trustees took no action on the Lois Wiederman property.

Jeanette Combs provided the Board with a list of Region C customers who have still not connected to the system.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region B phase 1 project.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region B Phase 2 Project.

Motion was made by Kenneth Hunn to approve Contract A Change Order 1 for Selge Construction in the amount of \$20,675. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region C Phase 2 project.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the Engineering Agreement between JPR and the District for Region C Phase 2 not to exceed \$81,500 (to spend between now and July). Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried.

Jeff Rowe presented the annual Financial Management Report for water and sewer.

Due to the foreseen absence of some of the District's staff and the District's professional services representatives, motion was made by Kathy Miller to reschedule the May 20, 2021 Regular Session Meeting to May 27, 2021 at 4pm. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Phil Malone to approve Baker Tilly to move forward with the next steps of implementing a rate increase for Fawn River Crossing Sewer. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve submittal of the following project claims for disbursement:

1. Region B Wastewater Project Phase 1 - SRF
 - a. Pay App Contract A – Niblock - \$60,128.35
 - b. Pay App Contract B – HRP - \$227308.87
 - c. Pay App Contract C – Selge - \$28,400
 - d. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$20,817.50
 - e. Lori Shipman Consulting - \$14,200
2. Region B Wastewater Project Phase 2 – SRF
 - a. Pay App Contract A - Selge - \$205,763.83
 - b. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$20,602.50
3. Region C Wastewater Project Phase 2 – Lagrange County Grant
 - a. Hurd Media - \$38.19
 - b. Baker Tilly - \$957.48

c. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$130.50

Motion was seconded Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Earl Kinnison to have his late fee removed from his account.

Motion was made by Kenn Hunn to deny Earl Kinnison's request to waive his late fee. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Hugh Baldus to have his late fee removed from his recently deceased father's account.

Motion was made by Kenn Hunn to approve Hugh Baldus's request to waive a late fee on his recently deceased father's account. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Bryce Tallant to have a late fee removed from an account in the name of Martha Grogranz-Tallant.

Motion was made by Kenn Hunn to deny Bryce Tallant's request to waive a late fee on Martha Grogranz-Tallant's account. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Marguerite Hinsey to have a late fee removed from the account.

Motion was made by David Gunter deny Marguerite Hinsey's request to waive a late fee removed from the account. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Susan Raker to have a late fee removed from her account.

Motion was made by David Gunter deny Susan Raker's request to waive a late fee on her account. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried.

Jeanette Combs presented the February and March 2021 Adjustments and Other Charges available.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the February and March 2021 Adjustments and Other Charges. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to Board Member comments.

David Gunter presented a handout and asked that the Board of Trustees put "Howe" on the water tower when it is repainted. Discussion was held. No action was taken. This subject will be on the May agenda.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to adjourn at 6:12 pm. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs
Recording Secretary