

**LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 27, 2021**

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board met in Regular Session on **Thursday, May 27, 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  
ABSENT                    Terry Martin, County Commissioner

GENERAL MANAGER: Adam Sams  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Jeanette Combs

ADVISORS:                Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski  
                                  Jeff Rowe, Baker Tilly  
                                  Chris Nusbaum, 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 Ken Hunn to approve the agenda as amended.  
    Remove item 9B4 Contract C Change Order  
    Insert item 9C2 Contract A Change Order  
    Change 9H1b from \$362,954.03 to \$382,954.03

Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Kathy Miller presented the claims docket 4/16/2021 thru 5/27/2021 to the Board for approval.

- REGISTER OF CLAIMS dated May 27, 2021 in the amount of \$362,660.17

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the Register of Claims dated 4/16/2021 thru 5/27/2021. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented the General Mangers report.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve a bonus for Operation Techs in an amount equal to one half hour of pay, at the employee's overtime rate, per day. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Adams Sams informed the Board that he had confirmed that the power at the John Amburgey property had been disconnected on April 22, 2014, and Adam had previously determined that the property is a non-sewage producing structure. Adam stated that Mr. Amburgey is requesting that the Board waive the \$100/day non connection penalties and to be removed from billing.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to waive John Amburgey's \$100/day penalties. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Phil Malone to remove John Amburgey's property from billing. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented a request to the Board from Steve Miller, who purchased the Lois Wiederman property at Sheriff Sale. Mr. Miller immediately connected the property after the purchase. He is requesting that the Board consider waiving the \$100/day non connection penalties and the liens that are outstanding.

Motion was made by Phil Malone that Jeanette investigate to determine why an outstanding lien, certified before the sale, had not been paid with the proceeds of the sale and why the deed has not yet transferred. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Jeanette will report back in June.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region B phase 1 project. Steve stated that there is no Contract A Change Order.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve Contract B Change Order 5 for Region B Phase 1 project for HRP in the amount of \$13,896.00. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented a proposal from Blue Herron Ministries for Professional Services to seed at the location of the former Fish Royer treatment facility. The seed mixture, as opposed to what Niblock has contracted to do, will be more inviting to wildlife and environmentally friendly. It was pointed out that Niblock has had less than desirable results when it comes to seeding grass in recent projects that the district has had. Adam proposed that the district use the \$12,800 rebate received be used to pay for the new proposal, and that the district consider a future change order with Niblock removing the seeding.

After much discussion and debate, motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the proposal from Blue Herron Ministries in the amount of \$11,800.00. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried; 4 Yes, 1 No.

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

Motion was made by Kenneth Hunn to approve Contract A Change Order 2 for Selge Construction in the amount of \$27,130.00. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Henschen gave a brief update on the Region C Phase 1 final restoration.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region C Phase 2 project. We have not yet received the Ice Miller agreement for services; it should be available at the June meeting.

Chris Nusbaum presented a rate ordinance for Fawn River Crossing Sewer for introduction.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to approve the introduction of the Fawn River Crossing Sewer rate ordinance. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously. The rate hearing will be scheduled for June 17, 2021, at 3:30 pm at the district office.

David Gunter made a presentation and asked the Board to consider painting "Howe" on the water tower when the project takes place.

Motion was made by Phil Malone to paint "Howe" on the water tower when the project takes place. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried unanimously.

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 - \$353,736.04
  - b. Pay App Contract B – HRP - \$382,954.03
  - c. Pay App Contract C – Selge - \$4,500.00
  - d. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$22,462.50
2. Region B Wastewater Project Phase 2 – SRF
  - a. Pay App Contract A - Selge - \$48,683.70
  - b. Pay App Contract B – Selge - \$47,880.00
  - c. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$13,941.25
  - d. Carson LLP - \$135.00
3. Region C Wastewater Project Phase 2 – Lagrange County Grant
  - a. Carson LLP - \$2,664.00
  - b. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$615.00

Motion was seconded David Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to appoint Adam Sams to vote for REMC board members on behalf of the district. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Charles Wilson to waive a late fee.

Motion was made by Kenn Hunn to deny Charles Wilsons request to waive his late fee. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented a request from Granite Ridge to refund a connection fee that was paid on behalf of a new customer who has now decided not to build and not connect.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve Granite Ridge's request for a refund. Motion was seconded by Phil Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the April Adjustments and Other Charges.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the April 2021 Adjustments and Other Charges. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened to Board Member comments.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Motion was seconded by Ken Hunn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs  
Recording Secretary