

**LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board of Trustees met in Special Session on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**, at 4:00 P.M., at 116 E Wayne Street, LaGrange, IN 46761.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

ABSENT Terry Martin, County Commissioner

DISTRICT STAFF: Adam Sams, General Manager
 Jeanette Combs, District Administrator

ADVISORS: Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP
 Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski
 Ken Jones, Jones Petrie Rafinski

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 as follows:

- Insert as Item 5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING ISSUES OR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Rowe was running late.

Andy Boxberger explained that as the board knows, the District took out a bond anticipation note (the BAN) for the Region C Phase II project. Since it has taken longer than anticipated for the project to move forward, and the current BAN expires September 23, 2022, Farmers State Bank has agreed to extend the term without any interest rate changes until December 31, 2022.

Motion was made Denny Davis by approve the BAN extension and for Gerry Turner and Kathy Miller to sign the appropriate documents required. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Rowe gave a funding update on the Region C Phase II project. Jeff explained that the State Revolving Fund has mentioned reconfiguring the financing package by eliminating

the \$5 million SWIF grant and replacing that with zero interest loans. Per Jeff Rowe, this option does not get the District the same financial savings or the same rate for the customers.

In light of the situation, Steve Henschen has worked with Adam Sams on exploring the idea of phasing this project. The phased approach would mean adding approximately 145 customers in the first phase with a new collection system. The second phase would include a treatment plant extension and picking up the remaining customers in the service area.

Jeff continued to update board with several scenarios, based on the reduced scope of the project, which contained various funding options that include and or do not include zero interest loans, \$5 million dollar grant funds, and Lagrange County Grant funds.

After much discussion and consideration, motion as made by Ken Hunn to reject all previous bids received for Region C Phase II Wastewater Project. Motion was seconded by Denny Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ken Hunn to receive bids for the newly developed Region C Phase II Wastewater Collection System Project. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The District still plans to pursue additional funding from the county and awaits hearing back from the State Revolving Fund to determine a final financial package. The State has given no date as to when the District will know the determination.

The meeting was opened for public comments on non-public hearing issues and items not on the agenda. There were none.

Motion was made by Denny Davis to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs
Recording Secretary