

LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2024

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, at 3:00 PM, at 2575 N SR 9, LaGrange, IN 46761.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

ROLL CALL Kenneth Hunn, President
 Nicole Heffelfinger, Vice President
 Kathy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
 Michael Mohrman, Board Member
ABSENT David Gunter, 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
 Kimberlee Savick, Baker Tilly

The meeting was called to order by Ken Hunn at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken by Jeanette Combs.

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

Move agenda item 9D Region D to before agenda item 9A.

Motion was seconded by Nicole Heffelfinger. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve the Regular Session Minutes for July 29, 2024. Motion was seconded by Nicole Heffelfinger. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the Fund Report for July 2024. The Bank Reconciliations for July 2024 balanced and were presented to Kathy Miller for review. Discussion was held and Michael Mohrman and Nicole Heffelfinger will be meeting with Jeanette later to discuss the financial reports and any changes that they might want to see in the future.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the July 2024 Financial reports. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the claims docket dated 8/20/2024 to the Board for approval in the amount of \$923,418.23.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the Register of Claims dated 8/20/2024 in the amount of \$923,418.23. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented the General Manger's report.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the General Manager's Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Patrick Wiltshire spoke and thanked the Board of Trustees again for allowing the use of the lab by the Lagrange County Soil and Water Conservation District intern. He commended Marianne Cole for becoming a mentor to the intern.

Kimberlee Savick presented the Region D rate analysis. After discussion it was determined that Adam Sams would be in contact with Kimberlee and reevaluate the capital funds used in the analysis, and any other issues. A revision will be presented at the September meeting.

Adam Sams informed the Board of Trustees that Baker Tilly did contact Farmers State Bank, who holds the bonds for Region D. Currently the market is right around the 4% mark, so it would not make sense to refinance at this point. However, if rates continue to drop and there is a potential for interest savings, the bank would be happy to discuss refinancing the bonds.

Andy Boxberger gave a brief Polyvalve update. The valves are being built and will be shipped. We are still waiting for an answer from the contractor regarding their agreement to waive any fees should a repair be necessary.

Steve Henschen gave a construction update on the Region C Phase II WW Project.

Steve Henschen presented Change Order #6 for the Region C Phase II WW Project in the deduct amount of +\$1616 for 11 grinder relocations and 4 alignment and or structure changes.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger approve Change Order #6 for the Region C Phase II WW Project in the deduct amount of +\$1616. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the submittal of the following project claims for disbursement:

- A. Request to Submit to Pay Project Invoices - *all submitted together at once without discussion, unless requested:*
 - 1. Region C Treatment Area WW Project Phase II – SRF
 - a. Niblock Pay Application #7 - \$197,516
 - b. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$44,798

Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the July 2024 Adjustments in the amount of \$-40.00 and Other Charges of \$12,145.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the July 2024 Adjustments and Other Charges as presented. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened for Board Member comments.

Andy Boxberger began discussion that the properties that continue to receive Region C Phase 1 non connection penalty fees each month have likely been assessed enough fees. He stated that if the Board of Trustees would like to discontinue applying additional fees for those two properties they can do so.

After discussion, Michael Mohrman made a motion to stop applying \$100 per day fees to the two properties in Region C Phase 1 that have not yet connected to the system. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs
Recording Secretary