

**SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MAY 14, 2013
SHRWD OFFICE
7:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to notice of this meeting, President Larry Protsman called meeting to order. Board members who were present or absent were as follows:

Present: Marcus Allhands, Tom Conley, Robin Minnemann, Lila Mondrush, Larry Protsman, Brian Rogers and Donna Tauber

Absent: None

Donna Tauber made motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Lila Mondrush. Motion carried.

Brian Rogers made motion to approve the claims as submitted. This was seconded by Robin Minnemann. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed and approved all final payments from April 2013 Claims Docket.

Mary Lou Schnell from Midwestern Engineers, Inc. was present. She wanted to let the board know that they now have an office in Indianapolis and are available for any wastewater engineering that the District might need.

Paula Walker from Krohn & Associates was present to discuss the results of the rate study that they conducted. The previous rates were set in 2007 with the last phase implemented in 2009. The District shows a strong financial footing and debt to equity ratio. There are several costly maintenance items that need to be performed soon that will lower the Depreciation Fund. Paula also discussed a possible refinance of the Rural Development loans. The District could save money by doing this. Paula will get an approximate cost for Bond Council, rate consulting and attorney fees to do this. These comments were taken under advisement by the board and they will discuss the options at the next regular meeting.

There hasn't been any communication with Pete Kiger. The District has given him extra time to meet with Rural Development. Nancy talked with Lisa Kingery at Rural Development and Mr. Kiger cancelled their appointment. She was to meet with him to help him get an application started for a grant to hook up to the sewer. There is a court date on June 6th. Martin will file a default judgment against him if Mr. Kiger doesn't attempt to get connected to the sewer system.

The court ruled in favor of the District in the lawsuit against Sun Communications. Martin stated that Rick and an employee from Pritchett Backhoe testified. The District will be reimbursed for the repair in the amount of \$3718.88 plus Sun Communications will pay the court costs and attorney fees. Martin has sent them a letter requesting payment.

The Spiceland Family Restaurant was sold in a tax sale on October 5, 2012. The District will lose \$156.12 that was liened before the tax sale date.

Jerry received two quotes to landscape Straughn Lift Station. Donna Tauber made a motion to use the Brower/Jacques Designs, Inc. quote deducting the sales tax that they had included and have them do it as soon as possible. This was seconded by Marcus Allhands. Motion carried. The decision on the Dunreith Lift Station landscaping was tabled until next meeting.

A representative from INDOT called regarding the guardrail at State Rd 3 and US Hwy 40. The guardrail cannot be replaced. A study that they performed showed that it could cause a death with a rail installed. They will however light up the area with reflectors and a larger stop sign.

There are two C.D.'s to renew. Nancy called several banks. Citizens State Bank had the highest rate.

The building in Straughn that the town purchased in a tax sale had sewer liens attached to it. The building has been torn down. Debbie Smith, Straughn Clerk/Treasurer called and asked if the District could forgive those liens. The town of Straughn paid the liens with their property taxes. They would like to be reimbursed when the District receives the money. There was one lien that was certified before the tax sale that will need to be released. There are two more that were certified after the sale. Nancy will check with State Board of Accounts to see if the board has the authority to reimburse the town.

Jerry is going to purchase a Smartphone. This will require a data package. He would use it to check into the Mission website if the lift stations had trouble and can turn pumps off and on. Nancy is going to check with State Board of Accounts and other regional sewer districts to see what rules or policies that they have for cell phones.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

President

ATTEST:

Office Manager