

**Minutes of the Greene County Regional Sewer District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**June 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Regional Sewer District was held at 8:30 a.m. on June 13, 2019, in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Present were Louis Massette, Allen Toon, Michael Turner and Scott Oliphant. Also present were Mike Williams, the Board's Attorney Marvin Abshire, John Mensch and James Lee. Absent was Tim Turpen.

The meeting was opened by a pledge to the flag. The meeting was called to order by Louis Massette.

There was submitted for review and approval the Minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Allen Toon and seconded by Scott Oliphant to waive the reading and approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Williams submitted to the Board the Financial Report and payment of claims. A motion was made by Scott Oliphant and seconded by Allen Toon to approve the Financial Report and claims paid. The motion was approved unanimously.

Louis Massette reported that he did research on the hotel sewer assessment and reported his findings. He determined in May, 2014, the Board adopted a policy to pay for the connection fee prior to construction and that the hotel would be assessed one ERU per month during construction until occupancy and then the full regular amount would be due. In January, 2015, the Board clarified that the full amount would be assessed when the hotel was connected and that the contractor would notify the operator immediately when it was connected. Louis believes that was done.

Louis Massette reported that he has been in contact with Town of Bloomfield Utility Billing Services, Sondra Thompson, Clerk, and has gone over the new listing of sewer customers. It appears that one customer is residing in a dwelling that was formerly the Easter property and is connected to the sewer, but they are not paying for sewer. Sondra Thompson will be sending out a bill with retroactive fees to that customer.

Allen Toon and Marvin Abshire reported that they attended the WestGate Meeting regarding Crane Village on June 11<sup>th</sup>. They both had input and reported that Martin County Economic Development Director, Tim Kinder, is seeking funding to replace all existing laterals on the Crane Project. SIDC, Greg Jones, is working on at least one matching grant for the installation of a necessary Lift Station and possibly a second grant for the match itself. There is a lot of uncertainty with regard to the existing laterals and they are trying to determine if the laterals are contributing to the excess water flow. Rick Coppock was also in attendance at the WestGate meeting and he proposed that new laterals be constructed on the daisy-chain pattern currently in existence, allowing more than one home to be served by the same lateral. New residential construction and new commercial properties will have their own connection and will not be allowed to link in to the existing laterals. Attorney for the Town of Crane, Marilyn Hartman, is working on an Ordinance that will require the homeowners to connect if they are within 300 feet of the main and will also be working on right-of-entry permits. Allen Toon believes they should request competitive bids for the Crane Project. Currently, they are working off of engineering estimates. The Board further discussed sewer rates and possible billing conflicts.

The next item of business was the Progress Way streetlight update. Hal Harp contacted Louis Massette and informed him that he and Redevelopment Member Brian Sparks have both agreed to donate their time and expertise and install the necessary wiring for the streetlights. The Redevelopment Commission will pay for the wiring needed between the lights. Hal Harp further reported that REMC representative, Shane Smith, has agreed to donate the necessary wiring from the streetlights to the power source. Hal Harp and Shane Smith made the recommendation that the lights be connected to the Lift Station as opposed to the Hotel so that a meter would not need to be installed. Louis Massette advised that Board Member Tim Turpen raised concerns that the streetlights would act as lightning rods and potentially cause damage to Lift Station. Marvin Abshire reported he has had discussions with Shane Smith and that Shane is able to determine the usage by factoring the ten lights with a certain wattage at twelve hours of day. Shane's estimate is that the monthly bill will run at \$38.00 per month. Shane Smith indicated to Marvin Abshire that a meter would not be required at either location. The Sewer Board would like to receive a proposal from the Redevelopment Commission and they would like to hold off on any action until they have had the opportunity to discuss this matter further with Board Member Tim Turpen.

The next item of business was the review of bids for air compressor repair or replacement at the Lab Building. Graves Plumbing submitted a proposal to replace the compressor for \$2,412.00 or replace the entire condensing unit for \$3,390.00. Kevin Byers submitted a proposal to replace the compressor for \$1,989.75 or replace the entire condensing unit for \$2,610.35. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Scott Oliphant and seconded by Michael Turner to replace the entire unit and accept the lower bid from Kevin Byers Quality Heating-Cooling-Electrical in the sum

of \$2,610.35 which included a 1-year parts warranty; 5-year compressor warranty; and 1-year labor warranty. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of business was approval of two invoices numbered S25 and S26 for mowing services provided by Big Bear Ridge LLC, Randy Baker, in the total sum of \$725.00. After review, a motion was made by Scott Oliphant and seconded by Allen Toon to approve the invoices. The motion was approved unanimously. Mike Williams will pay the invoices out of the District's Funds.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Board's Attorney, the Board rescheduled the October 17, 2019 meeting at 8:30 a.m. to October 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

James Lee approached the Board and wanted to know when his problem is going to be resolved with his lateral line that has frozen in the past. Jeff Farmer and Scott Oliphant were to coordinate and arrange to check Mr. Lee's lateral with a camera, but to date, no one has done it. Scott Oliphant will contact Jeff Farmer. Scott reported that he checked the depth of the lateral and that it is at an adequate depth.

Redevelopment Commission member John Mensch reported that Mike Hicks notified him that the hotel at Progress Pointe is scheduled to open between July 18 and July 25, 2019.

John Mensch further questioned whether or not the Sewer Board had been approached by R&R Trucking for a sewer hook-up. R&R Trucking is interested in a land swap and constructing a new building near Crane Village. Louis Massette reported that they had not been contacted.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Allen Toon and seconded by Michael Turner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Turpen", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Turpen, Secretary