

Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2024

The October meeting of the L.I.D. was held at the Lockwood Water and Sewer District office, at 1644 Old Hardin RD. The board members present were Terry Seiffert, Brent Kober, Bob Riehl, Manager Carl Peters and Secretary/Treasurer, Angela Watson. Dick Hoke, Taylor Kasperick, Scott Aspenlieder, and Steve Nave were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Terry Seiffert. The September 18th meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made by Mr. Riehl to approve the September minutes with corrected month in the secretary's report, Mr. Kober second, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

1. **MDT Johnson Lane Project:** NA
2. **Intake Flood Damage ARPA:** The total grant from the DRNC was \$283,500.00 minus \$210,544.00 paid to LID which leaves a balance of \$72,956.00 for final engineering costs, this can be carried over to the new PH Rehab project.
3. **FEMA:** Requested DES for reimbursement of administrative costs to Justin Staley.
4. **PH Rehab Project:** Taylor Kasperick presented the bid opening from Askin Construction for \$857,500.00, COP Construction for \$1,220,00.00, Battle Ridge Builders for \$999,000, and Western Municipal Construction for \$1,300,600.00. The Contractors listed had around 30-35 weeks for our base bid for electrical components and with changing some the electrical components it dropped the lead time to 12 weeks for all the contractors listed. The Bond resolution was for \$1,739,00.00 with the leftover \$72,956.00 brought over from the intake flood damage project which brings the total funding to \$1,811,956.00. The District has committed to \$1,050,119.35 for Watertronics, Engineering and Design, Discharge Line replacement cost, and anticipated Bond Administration costs (3%). The Askin Construction bid was the lowest bidder and if we use their bid amount of \$857,500.00 and subtract the NWE 60 canal power Service of \$13,951.00, that leaves a deficit of \$109,614.35. Taylor said they have ideas on lowering some of the costs like value engineering to bring some of those costs down. The differences in engineering estimates and actual bids were in the electrical components. The engineering estimate was for the pump station and enclosure for \$500,000.00 and the Watertronics bid was \$570,000.00 and did not include the electrical, which was about \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for electrical in the bids. Terry Seiffert asked if we need power to both canals? The design for the pump station from Watertronics has a flow rate monitor on the flow rates and if these components are not included then our system will operate with the same efficiency as presently. This would negate the possible rebates from Northwestern Energy and the cost savings of the automatic pump controls which could save energy costs. Terry Seiffert asked if we could remove the electrical flow monitors, and Mr. Aspenlieder said that this would bring down efficiency regarding the electricity bill and possible rebates from Northwestern Energy. That if we want to include these that the Engineering firm can work at dialing in these costs to get closer to the funding budget. Mr. Riehl asked if the lease with the railroad was going to delay the project timeline. Mr. Kasperick said that it is going to take some more coordination to get this issue resolved. Mr. Kasperick asked the board if they would be willing to have a meeting with the railroad to get this issue resolved. He offered to set it up as well but didn't think that the engineering firm could complete this task alone. Bob Riehl also pointed out that this issue could bring up costs and delay the project. Mr. Aspenlieder recommended that District fill out the application to amend the lease and send it in to the railroad and this should get the process with them started and if there is any push back from the railroad, then the District will have to get their legal counsel involved. Terry Seiffert said that the best thing to do is fill out the form for renewal of lease and submit to see what the reply from the railroad would be and go from there. Terry Seiffert will vote against charging the landowners any more money for this project, so

we need to cut \$80,000 out of the budget or find some other funding. Taylor Kasperick said that he can check with Watertronics on redesign but warned that they will likely charge more for the engineering and design for the redesign without the electrical flow rate censoring capabilities. The contractors will hold the bids for 60 days, so the board needs to get the application to the Railroad as soon as possible.

5. **2024 LID Assessment List:** The deadline was Friday, and the Manager received the new assessment list. The 2024 assessment list, 19 tax codes, were deleted because they were determined to be non-irrigable on the other side of the railroad tracks. The bond counsel explained that we could assess county property as well, so 17 tax codes were added (county parks and state lands). This basically means that we lost \$4,000 in taxes and gained \$3,800.00. That brings the total to 1,471 tax codes for the year. The Manager has submitted the revised list back to the County. There is also a headgate assessment of a closed system on four properties between Spotted Jack Loop North and South. Marcie Padgett has agreed to pay 4 \$1,000 payments instead of an assessment to cover the head gate replacement on her property at 3148 Becraft Lane.

Old Business:

1. **LID-LWSD Water Rights:** Letter from Lockwood Irrigation to Lockwood Water and Sewer was mailed May 15, 2024. Nothing new
2. **Lid Audit:** On hold.
3. **2014 LID Rate Study Updated 2019:** On hold.

Manager's Report:

Blue Creek Excavation replaced a section of silt clogged irrigation pipe in the lateral that runs through the Mobile Home Park at 21 Hemlock Drive to Dick Hoke's property, before cleaning about 100' of silt at the inlet to the 100' Hillner siphon. There are other places on the 100 foot that need cleaning, 2 of them on Becraft north and south. The Manager hasn't heard anything new on the Clayton St Project. The Manager drained the new lift pipe on Saturday, the 28th of September, and closed the three intake headgates the next day. Sprayed Glyphosate around the pump house two times in August. Val Dangerfield has agreed to control the headgate next season to hopefully eliminate the seepage in the 3170 Driftwood Circle's basement. The Manager also closed the cross-over valve on the 60 ft canal on September 16th.

Secretary's Report:

The August and September financial reports were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Kober, and the motion carried. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riehl and seconded by Mr. Seiffert; the meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM. The next Special board meeting will be December 9, 2024, at 7:00PM, and the regular board meeting will be December 18th at 7:00PM, both located at the Lockwood Water and Sewer Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Watson, Secretary/Treasurer