

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

January 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 19, 2024

8:30 am

Harrison County Community Foundation building
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Tony Combs	Board Member
Darin Duncan, P.E.	Board Member (Secretary)
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney
Mike Amburn	Aqua Utility Services
Bob Woosley, P.E.	Heritage Engineering

Absent:

Charlie Crawford	Board Member
Dan Lee, P.E.	Board Member
Dave Coburn	Board Member (Town of Corydon)
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)
Herb Schneider	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Steve Tolliver	Aqua Utility Services
Aaron Tolliver	Aqua Utility Services

Guests:

Kyle Nix	Harrison County Councilman
Nelson Stepro	Harrison County Commissioner
Bruce Kennedy	Harrison County Resident
Joe Masching	Harrison County Resident

**Town voting member. (2024 vote will belong to the Town of Lanesville)
(Order of voting: 2024 – Lanesville, 2025 – Corydon, 2026 - Milltown)*

Action Items:

- 1. Executive Session:** An executive session of the Board was held prior to the start of the regular meeting. The executive session was held to discuss ongoing litigation. No action was taken during the executive session. The executive session ended at 8:28 am.
- 2. Election of Officers:** This being the first meeting of 2024 the nomination and selection of officers needs to be made. *A motion was made by Tony Combs, seconded by Darin Duncan to retain Tom Tucker as President and Gary Davis as Vice President/Treasurer of the Board. Motion approved unanimously. A motion was made by Tony Combs, seconded by Gary Gavis to elect Darin Duncan as Secretary of the Board. Motion approved unanimously.*

3. **December 15, 2023 HCRSD Board Meeting Minutes:** *Motion made by Darin Duncan, second by Tony Combs, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*
4. **Septic Management District:** Kyle Nix presented information on the Septic Management District that is being proposed by the County Commissioners. The District has nothing to do with the formation of this District. The District was made aware of the proposed Septic Management District via a Notice of Intent received by the Town of Lanesville. Kyle explained the intent of the District was for addressing failed septic systems at existing residential homes. Kyle stated the intent is to allow for and provide oversight on the use of advanced on-site treatment systems. Kyle stated the management district would have no authority over conventional septic systems, only those utilizing advanced treatment systems.

The District expressed the following clarifications that they feel need to be expressly covered in any actions taken by the County to form the Septic Management District:

- a. Conventional septic systems are not included as part of the septic management district. There will be no annual fee associated with homes that are utilizing a conventional septic system.
 - b. The Harrison County Regional Sewer District and all municipalities within the County shall be exempt from the Septic Management District (District) and shall not have to report to, or secure approvals from, the District.
5. **Berkshire WWTP Operations Report (December):** Mike Amburn presented the December operations report. All parameters were met for the month of December. Mike noted that due to the cold temperatures they may need to waste (haul) sludge to the Town of Georgetown for treatment in the coming weeks. *A motion was made by Tony Combs, seconded by Darin Duncan to accept the December operations report. Motion approved unanimously.*
 6. **Treasurers Report**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Gary Davis presented the Treasurer's Report. *Motion made by Darin Duncan, seconded by Tony Combs, to approve the Treasures report. Motion approved unanimously.*
 - b. **Claims:** *Motion made by Gary Davis, second by Tony Combs, to pay the following claims. Motion approved unanimously.*

District Checking Account:

i. Harrison REMC-WWTP electric service	\$1,546.30
ii. Duke Energy – lift station electric service	\$46.68
iii. Bose McKinney – property acquisition for WWTP	\$5,616.00
iv. Town of Corydon – December sewer bills	\$8,872.61
v. Lanesville Utilities – December sewer bills	\$21,000.18
vi. Aqua Utility Services – WWTP Op., LS Maint., Misc. Maint.	\$5,694.86
vii. Church Langton Loop & Banet – attend Board meeting	\$537.50
viii. OmniSite – annual fee for monitoring auto dialers	\$1,740.00
ix. US Postal Service – annual PO Box 266	\$248.00
x. Alliance of Indiana Rural Water – 2024 member dues	\$180.00

xi. Paxton Media Group – ad for notice of public hearing	\$64.00
xii. IN Underground Plant Protection – 4Q 2023	\$45.60
xiii. Heritage Eng. – Retainer/web site/other services	\$1,590.00
xiv. State Board of Accounts – fee for 2021 & 2022 Audit	\$14,520.00
xv. Steve Thieneman Builders – sewer deposit refunds	\$300.00
xvi. Infinity Homes – sewer deposit refunds	\$150.00

- c. Public Comments:** Darin Duncan suggested new agenda items be added to the monthly agenda that lists “Public Comments” sections at both the beginning and end of each meeting. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

7. Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference: Bob Woosley made the Board aware of the upcoming conference to be held at French Lick Resort March 12 – 14, 2024. Bob will send the information on the conference to all Board members. Anyone wishing to attend can let him know and he will get them registered.

8. Billing Software: This item was tabled until the February meeting.

Next Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting: **February 16, 2024 at 8:30 am** at the Harrison County Community Foundation.

Minutes prepared by: Heritage Engineering.

End of Minutes

Approved by:

Tom Tucker, President

Charlie Crawford

Gary Davis, V.P./Treasurer

Dan Lee, P.E.

Tony Combs, Secretary

Darin Duncan, P.E.

Bill Byrd, Town Representative