

**LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2011**

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board met in Regular Session on August 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., in the District Office, located at 116 E Wayne Street, LaGrange, Indiana.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**ROLL CALL**           Mike Sutter, President  
                          Ron Kantorak, Vice President  
                          Bob Jarolim, Secretary/Treasurer  
                          Howard Slater  
**ABSENT**             Bob Murphy

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

**ROLL CALL**           George Bachman, County Commissioner

**ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER:** Heidi M Sisco

**OPERATIONS MANAGER:** Don Skinner

**ADVISORS:**           John Gastineau, Attorney  
                          Steve Henschen, GAI Consulting

The meeting was called to order by Mike Sutter at 6:00 P.M, and he welcomed Howard Slater back.

Roll Call was taken by Heidi Sisco, Recording Secretary.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to approve the minutes from the executive session held July 13, 2011. Motion was seconded by Ron Kantorak. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ron Kantorak to approve the minutes from the regular session held on July 13, 2011. Motion was seconded Bob Jarolim. Motion was carried unanimously.

The July Treasurer's report was given by Bob Jarolim.

Motion was made by Howard Slater to approve the July Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Ron Kantorak. Motion was carried unanimously.

The claims listed below were presented to the Board for approval.

REGISTER OF CLAIMS dated AUGUST 10, 2011 EXECUTIVE ORDER

INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-	JULY 22, 2011	\$ 412.10
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-	JULY 26, 2011	\$ 7,893.46
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-	JULY 27, 2011	\$31,000.00
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-	JULY 30, 2011	\$ 316.74
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-	JULY 31, 2011	\$34,023.86
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-AUGUST	3, 2011	\$ 606.39
INVOICE TRANSACTION DATE-AUGUST	8, 2011	\$ 307.40

REGISTER OF CLAIMS dated AUGUST 10, 2011  
\$42,677.35

Motion was made by Howard Slater to approve the claims listed on the Register of Claims dated August 10, 2011. Motion was seconded by Ron Kantorak. Motion was carried unanimously.

Don Skinner presented the Operators Report.

Motion was made by Ron Kantorak to approve the quote from Selge Construction for the repair of Lift Station 6 in the amount of \$14,225.00 and to authorize Mike Sutter, President, to sign the quote. Motion was seconded by Bob Jarolim.

Roll call vote:

Mike Sutter-Yes

Ron Kantorak-Yes

Bob Jarolim-Yes

Howard Slater-Yes

Bob Murphy-Absent

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to approve the Operators Report. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

Heidi Sisco presented the Administrator's report.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to approve the Administrator's report. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened for public comments on non public hearing issues and items not on the agenda. George Bachman spoke stating that water testing is being done on the water going into Shipshewana Lake from the drain through a grant from the Soil and Water Conservation.

Steve Henschen provided an update on the Fawn River Crossing project. Steve said there was going to be a ground breaking ceremony on August 19, 2011 at 12:00 PM, with a preconstruction meeting held at 9:00 AM.

John Gastineau provided an update on the Shishewana West project. John said the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled in the District's favor but that the Fiedler's have 30 days to respond. John said the District has a court date on August 23, 2011, at 1:00 PM, in the LaGrange Circuit Court. John said he has filed a motion to dismiss the request to be heard the same day.

Don Skinner reviewed the solicitation for quotes for the Region B aeration system, noting that they would have the opening at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with a completion date of March 30, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Kantorak to approve the solicitation of quotes for the aeration system at the Region B treatment plant, amending the language as provided by Ron Kantorak and amending the completion date year. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater.

Roll call vote:

Mike Sutter-Yes

Ron Kantorak-Yes

Bob Jarolim-Yes

Howard Slater-Yes

Bob Murphy-Absent

Motion carried.

Heidi Sisco reviewed the issue with the property owned by Danny Conley at 7735S 805E. Heidi stated that a neighbor had contacted the District office and informed the staff that there was a camper located on the property that was being occupied in a full time manor. Heidi explained that the residence in question was not actually occupied by the Conley's, who live out of state. Don Skinner inspected the camper and found that it did appear to be occupied but there was not any evidence of sewage disposal. Board members discussed the issue. John Gastineau stated that this would be a violation of the District's sewer use ordinance and that it might also be an issue with some of the other county departments and suggested that the District contact the health department and the plan commission.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim authorizing John Gastineau to notify the Conley's of the violation of the sewer use ordinance. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

John Gastineau recommended that the District amend the current sewer use ordinances and consolidate the existing 3 ordinances into 1 ordinance.

Motion was made by Howard Slater authorizing John Gastineau to consolidate and update the sewer use ordinance. Motion was seconded by Bob Jarolim.

Roll call vote:

Mike Sutter-Yes

Ron Kantorak-Yes

Bob Jarolim-Yes

Howard Slater-Yes

Bob Murphy-Absent

Motion carried.

Heidi Sisco reviewed the request faxed into the District from Tom Mason, and asked the Board for direction in addressing the request. John Gastineau asked for clarification on the connection for the electrical service at Tom Mason's home. John said that since this connection is contrary to all other connections in the District that the grinder pump is connected to the District's electrical source. Board members asked Don Skinner how much per month the electric cost for the grinder pump. Don said he had checked with REMC and the estimated monthly cost was \$2.45.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim authorizing John Gastineau to contact Tom Mason and inform him that the District would be disconnecting the grinder pump from his electrical source and connecting it to the District's electrical source, that the District would be reimbursing him the estimated cost of the electrical service that he has paid since January 2011, and that if he wanted further information from the District he needed to clarify what he was wanting and resubmit his request. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater.

Roll call vote:

Mike Sutter-Yes

Ron Kantorak-Yes

Bob Jarolim-Yes

Howard Slater-Yes

Bob Murphy-Absent

Motion carried.

Heidi Sisco provided an update on the Bret Elliott property. Heidi said that Mr. Elliott had been into the office and paid the permit fee and is currently in the process of trying to get a loan so that he can pay the necessary connection fees and purchase the grinder pump so that the property can be connected to the District's system.

Don Skinner informed Board members that the District had received a notice of inspection from IDEM for the Fish/Royer facility, which found no violation on the District's behalf. Don stated that in July IDEM had a complaint from a Fish/Royer resident who thought that the District's sewer line which runs under Fly Creek might be broken. Don said after reviewing the situation it was found that there was not a leak on the District's part but that a hog barn up stream was found to be leaking hog waste into a collapse storm drain.

Bob Jarolim informed fellow Board members that he planned to attend the upcoming meeting of the Indiana Freedoms Group. Bob reviewed several points that he planned on making at the meeting.

Heidi Sisco told Board members that the IRSDA was going to be holding their annual meeting and asked that if any Board member wished to attend that they notify her.

Motion was made by Ron Kantorak authorizing Mike Sutter, President, to sign the PHP's HRA modification and the fee schedule amendment. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to approve the July Adjustments and Other Charges. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened for additional Board comments.

Don Skinner reviewed the quote for a lease of a used vehicle. Board members instructed Don to get the specs together in order to price the purchase and the lease of truck for the District's operations.

Motion was made by Bob Jarolim to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Motion was seconded by Howard Slater. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi M Sisco,  
Recording Secretary