SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024 SHRWD OFFICE 4:30 P.M.

According to the notice of this meeting, President Donna Tauber called the meeting to order. Board members who were present or absent were as follows:

Present: Donna Tauber, Lila Mondrush, Kathryn Irwin, Tyler Hellums, and Tom Conley

Absent: Dwight Barnes

Kathy Irwin made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Tyler Hellums. Motion carried.

Kathy Irwin made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. This was seconded by Lila Mondrush. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed and approved all final payments from November 2024 Claims Docket.

Dan reported on a meeting with Baker Tilly, indicating that bids for the project will be solicited in February. He will reach out to Baker Tilly to obtain a proposal for a sewer rate increase at the beginning of the year. Additionally, he confirmed that 12 more feet is needed on the east side of the Spiceland lift station for the new generator addition, and the rehabilitation of the Mays wet well has been included in the project to replace the lower rails.

Jon Madison reported that he had not yet contacted Pritchett or NLBC but plans to address that communication. Tom Saunders inquired about the burnt house at 307 E Main St in Lewisville, asking if the town would forgive the liens against the property if it were acquired. Jon noted that he and Dan still need to collaborate on an agreement proposal to the City of New Castle regarding the property at CR 400 S and SR 3, although an appeal has been filed in the Henry County Circuit Court concerning the property's rezoning.

Tom motioned to forgive the liens on the aforementioned property, contingent upon the town acquiring it, and to forgive the liens on the property at 202 Washington St in Dunreith, which the town has already acquired and where the dilapidated building has been demolished. Lila Mondrush seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Zach reported that the Emergency Response Plan is complete and has been submitted to IDEM for final approval. IDEM has identified some wording that needs to be revised in the updated Sewer Use Ordinance, and those changes will be made and resubmitted. He also reported that pump #3 at the headworks has been wired into breaker #2, which has started tripping again. Pump #3, installed in 2008, has double the runtime compared to

pumps #1 and #2 so, he added it might be time to replace that pump. Additionally, he suggested that the district consider replacing aging equipment before it becomes critical. Zach mentioned that he had spoken with the Town of Straughn regarding contacting Pritchett about the sinkhole on Maple Street, hoping this would facilitate a quicker response for its repair.

Kathy made the motion to authorize the replacement of pump #3 at the headworks. That was seconded by Tyler Hellums. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee reported that they convened to discuss the increasing of the Office Manager's salary to \$60,000 per year, effective first pay of January 2025. The board plans to sign and approve a new Salary Ordinance during the January meeting. Additionally, Donna mentioned that Performance Evaluations will resume in July or August of 2025 and suggested that the Personnel Committee assist with this process. Donna added we would complete the election of Officers in January.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

President

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