

JOINT MEETING: HRSD/BCRSD
August 2, 2022
Brown County Community Church Pavilion
6:30

Clint Studabaker called the meeting to order at 6:30.
Attending were: Clint Studabaker, Mike Leggins, Phil LeBlanc, Matt Hanlon, Richard Hall;
Brian Webb, Jenny Austin;
and guests: Suzannah Couch (BC Democrat); and Lake Lemon residents, Steve Langbeen and Tom Diehl. Kyle Myers was away on a jobsite and could not attend.

Jenny distributed copies of June Joint Board Meeting to all board members.

Clint reported that April 1, 2023 is the deadline to submit funding requests, and our joint goal is to have all required documents ready by that deadline.
Richard made the motion to have documents submitted by April 1, with Phil providing the 2nd.
Passed 6-0.

Clint updated the board members about a meeting with IDEM, to let them know that BCRSD and HRSD are working together to come up with a solution for providing sewer service to the residents of Lake Lemon and Bean Blossom areas, with Helmsburg serving as the WWTP for said service. IDEM requires that BCRSD have a place to take the flow, such as Helmsburg WWTP. IDEM can evaluate the needs and availability, and according to Clint's report, IDEM would like to see our 2 boards work together, and a possible consolidation of the 2 RSDs. Clint stated that IDEM doesn't care whether BCRSD would increase from 5 to 7 members, or whether to absorb HRSD into the BCRSD...but the board would need to be kept at an uneven number.

Brian responded that the members of HRSD would discuss the proposed consolidation at the next board meeting on 8/3, and Clint stated that legal counsel should be retained for the projected consolidation. Brian agreed that legal counsel will be required, should the two boards decide to consolidate.

Richard stated that he doesn't understand why there's delay in signing the commitment between the 2 boards. Richard feels that consolidation is the vehicle to be able to secure the funding, and if we can't agree to join forces, then he thinks BCRSD should move ahead with trying to serve the Lake Lemon area, but not Bean Blossom, as there's been some pushback from the Bean Blossom area residents.

Richard then offered to create a bullet point document for both boards to review before the HRSD board meeting tomorrow night (8/3). Richard suggested the document have escape clauses for both boards, in case either board feels the need to withdraw from the plan. Richard said that the State is enthusiastic about the possibility of the expansion and consolidation of the 2 boards.

One question brought up during this discussion is whether the current HRSD permit will allow for the additional discharge that would come with the proposed expansion. Clint suggested that the permit may need to be modified. The discussion pointed out the need to have ready the proper documents, including the PER, ready by the April 2023.

Steve Langbeen stated that the trailer park and other locations in the Lake Lemon Conservancy area are very interested in getting sewer service. Jenny informed the group that her term on the HRSD board will end on December 31, 2022, and suggested that it would be appropriate to consider bringing on a representative of the Lake Lemon area.

Richard moved to adjourn at 7:20, with a second to the motion coming from Brian 2nd. Passed 6-0.

Next joint board meeting: August 30 @6:30, at the church pavilion in Helmsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Austin, Secretary
HRSD