

LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, at 3:00 PM, at 2575 N SR 9, LaGrange, IN 46761.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

ROLL CALL Kenneth Hunn, President
 Kathy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
 David Gunter, Board Member
 Michael Mohrman, Board Member

ABSENT Nicole Heffelfinger, Vice President

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

ABSENT Terry Martin, County Commissioner

DISTRICT STAFF: Adam Sams, General Manager
 Jeanette Combs, District Administrator

ADVISORS: Andrew Boxberger, Carson LLP
 Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski
 Jeff Rowe, Baker Tilly

The meeting was called to order by Ken Hunn at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken by Jeanette Combs.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the agenda as amended, removing item 11E – Auto Sampler Quotes, replacing it with a Request from Lima Township. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the Executive Session Memorandum for January 16, 2024. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the Regular Session Minutes for January 16, 2024 as amended, correcting the year to 2024. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the January 2024 Fund Report. The Bank Reconciliations balanced and were presented to Kathy Miller for review.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve the January 2024, Financial reports. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the claims docket dated 2/20/2024 to the Board for approval. REGISTER OF CLAIMS for the period ending December 2023, dated 2/20/2024, in the amount of \$12,134.17.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve the Register of Claims dated 2/20/2024 for the period ending December 2023 in the amount of \$12,134.17. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the claims docket dated 2/20/2024 to the Board for approval. REGISTER OF CLAIMS, dated 2/20/2024, in the amount of \$455,171.11.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the Register of Claims dated 2/20/2024 for the period ending December 2023 in the amount of \$455,171.11. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented the General Manger's report.

At 3:13 p.m. Jeanette Combs had to leave the meeting for a family emergency.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the General Manager's Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was open for public comments on non-public hearing issues and items not on the agenda. There were none.

Andy Boxberger presented rate Ordinance 2024-02-20, that amends Service Area A rates as presented at the rate hearing.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to adopt Rate Ordinance 2024-02-20. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Boxberger stated that he, along with Adam and Steve are still working on a resolution to the Polyvalve issue.

Adam Sams explained that he was approached by a property owner who is taking an agricultural field out of production and changing it back to wetlands through the USDA. It was discovered that the District had an easement on the property, however the District has never had anything on the property. USDA has requested that the District release the easement.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve Adam Sams to sign documents releasing the easement as USDA has requested. Motion was seconded by David Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve submittal of the following project claims for disbursement:

1. Region C Treatment Area WW Project Phase II – ARPA Grant
 - a. Niblock Pay Application - \$336,184.10
 - b. Jones Petrie Rafinski - \$15,692.50

Motion was seconded by David Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.

David Gunter explained that Lima Township has been accumulating funds to build public restrooms in the Howe park. He presented a letter that they plan to send to the Lagrange

County Auditor outlining where they intend to get funds and asking the county for \$1,600. David stated that they need a price for a grinder station unit, and that they are willing to accept once that is rebuilt. David was also requesting that items that had been discussed previously, such as a tank and electrical box, be provided by the District at no cost.

After discussions, no motion was made to support David Gunters request on behalf of Lima Township.

David Gunter asked how they now go about getting a quote for the grinder. Adam Sams told David he had the contact and information available for him to get a quote.

The January 2024 Adjustments and Other Charges were tabled until the next meeting when Jeanette Combs returns.

Motion was made by Michale Mohrman to table the January 2024 Adjustments and Other Charges. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no board member comments.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs
Recording Secretary