

**PUBLIC HEARING
WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEMS PLANNING STUDY
Planning Grant**

**TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

**Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Fire Department
215 Prairie Street
New Richmond, Indiana 47967**

1. **Call to Order**: Public Hearing was formally called to order by the Town Council President, Luke Martin, at approximately 6:30 pm.
2. **Facilitators**: Kristy Jerrell, Project Grant Administrator, Jerrell Consulting & Grant Administration Services, LLC and Mark Sullivan, Project Engineer, Midwestern Engineers.
3. **Discussions**:
 - a. Kristy Jerrell explained the reason for the public hearing. She stated that the Town of New Richmond applied to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IOCRA) for a planning grant in order to complete a Water/Wastewater Systems Study Planning Study – Planning Grant. She explained that the Town received the grant award on 5-30-19, then the planning process began where the DRAFT plan was developed and submitted to IOCRA for review and on 9-23-20, IOCRA approved the DRAFT plan.
 - b. Kristy Jerrell stated that the total project cost for this planning project is \$50,000. She stated that the Town is committed a total of \$5,000 in local match from the following sources: \$2,500 from Town Water Operating Funds and \$2,500 from Town Sewer Operating Funds. She stated that the Town is committed the required 10% local match for the project and the Town received a total of \$45,000 in IOCRA grant funding.
 - c. Kristy Jerrell explained that the meeting tonight was the 2nd/final public hearing to present the plan to the public and the pass the plan by resolution.
 - d. Alaathea Foust, Town Clerk Treasurer, read the resolution aloud at 6:30 pm and before the Council voted to approve the resolution, Project Engineer Mark Sullivan explained the elements of the completed water/wastewater plan.
 - e. Mark Sullivan explained the overall elements of the plan by starting with speaking about the Town's wastewater system. He stated that the wastewater system's 3 lift stations pumps need to be upgraded and generators need to be installed at each lift station. He stated that since the planning, the Town has self-funded/taken care of 2 of the lift station's pumps upgrades. He further explained submersible and above ground pumps.
 - f. Mark Sullivan explained that the Town's lagoon is lined with a synthetic liner in which it is leaking into the ground and in 2000 the Town installed the liner and has an air bubble in it that bubbles up which is very unsightly. He stated that although it is unsightly – it is not causing an issue. He stated that that the Town can live with the bubble as is it not

hurting anything and the bubble indicates there is no leaking. He verified that the manufacturer even has stated that this is just an unsightly issue and not a harmful one.

- g. Mark Sullivan stated that the planning process also help the Town in that paper and digital maps have been created of both the water and wastewater systems. He stated that every water isolation valve was located in the Town and then each water and sewer line was located along with manholes. Kristy Jerrell asked of the Town would receive a CD copy of the maps that the Town could change/alter when they make repairs, upgrades, or add to the system. Mark Sullivan said he would provide that for the Town.
- h. Mark Sullivan stated that the water system is the top priority of the Town. He stated that by investigating the old 65,000-gallon elevated water storage tank "called the tin man" it is discovered that it is in pretty good shape and has about 10 years left of life. He stated that to build a new 75,000-gallon would cost the Town \$450,000. He stated that the Town does have some time before the tank needs to be placed out of commission and a new one to be constructed.
- i. Mark Sullivan stated that the Town's 2 wells pump directly to the elevated water storage tank and that a few chemicals are used to sequester the iron in the water. He stated that the Town needs to consider a treatment process on the wells like a filter system to oxidize the iron (feed chlorine) that would then be pumped into the tank and then re-chlorinated. He stated this will dramatically improve water quality. Town Council Member Minnie Howard asked if this would take care of the bad smell in the water and Mark Sullivan said yes.
- j. Mark Sullivan then went over the selected plan for the water construction project: rehab the wells, construct treatment facilities, replace sections of 2-inch water lines for a total cost \$750,000 which includes construction and non-construction costs.
- k. Kristy Jerrell stated that she will set up a meeting with the Town Council Members in mid to late December in which she and Mark Sullivan can sit down with them to determine a path forward in order to apply to IOCRA in 2021 for a water improvements construction project.
- l. Kristy Jerrell stated that 2021 has 2 grant rounds: (1) Round I – proposal due on 4-29-21, final application due 6-25-21 and grant awards 8-12-21 and (2) Round II - proposal due on 9-23-21, final application due 11-12-21 and grant awards 12-16-21. She stated that Round II 2021 would be good to shoot for as the Town will most likely have to obtain USDA RD or SRF as the local match for the project. She stated with Town combined rates being over \$70 and the project is under \$1 million dollars that the Town would be eligible for \$600,000 in IOCRA grant with a 20% local match of the total project cost.
- m. Mark Sullivan then spoke on USDA and SRF as local match funding sources and the pros and cons of each.
- n. Kristy Jerrell then asked the attendees if they had any questions or comments on the planning grant project, about the process or the IOCRA grant application or about the completed water/wastewater plan.
- o. The Town then passed the resolution unanimously and approved the \$45,000 invoice from Midwestern Engineers to be submitted to IOCRA by Kristy Jerrell for payment.

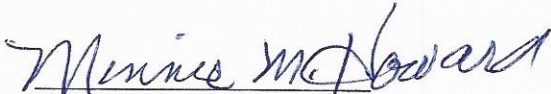
Adjournment: There being no further questions/comments, the Town Council President, Luke Martin, adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:11 pm.



Kristy Jerrell, Grant Administrator
Recorder (See attached Third Party Authorization to Record Minutes)

Attachment:

1. Meeting Sign-In Sheet



**COUNCIL MEMBER
MINNIE HOWARD**



**COUNCIL MEMBER
LUKE MARTIN**

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May 2, 2019

Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (IOCRA)
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Dear IOCRA:

This letter expresses the Town of New Richmond's consent for Kristy Jerrell of Jerrell Consulting & Grant Administration Services LLC to conduct and transcribe minutes for all public hearings for the Town's IOCRA Grant Application for the Town's 2- Utility Water/Wastewater Systems Planning Study Planning Grant Project.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital community development project.

Sincerely,



Luke Martin, Town Council President
Town of New Richmond

PUBLIC HEARING #2

TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

Project: Water/Wastewater Planning Study	Public Hearing Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Grant Administrator: Kristy Jerrell, Grant Administrator with Jerrell Consulting & Grant Administration Services, LLC	Place/Room: Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Fire Department 215 Prairie Street New Richmond, Indiana 47967

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