

**Wells County Regional Sewer District (WCRSD)
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Subject	WCRSD	Date	05/18/2015
Facilitator	Lee VonGunten	Time	6:30 P.M.
Location	Wells County Carnegie Annex, Washington St., Bluffton, Indiana	Scribe	
Attendees	WCRSD Board Members: Lee VonGunten (President), Leon Berning (Treasurer), Sandra Houlihan (Secretary)		

Key Points of Discussion

No	Topic	Highlights
1.	Call Regular Meeting to Order	Lee VonGunten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.; opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.
2.	Roll Call – Board Members	Lee VonGunten; Leon Berning; Sandra Houlihan
3.	Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings	Minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting were reviewed by board members. Leon Berning made a motion to approve the minutes and Sandra Houlihan seconded. Minutes approved 3-0 Wells County Health Dept has posted the past minutes of WCRSD meetings for review by the public at www.wellscounty.org/septicDiv
4.	Old Business: A. Update on the McKinney-Paxon Ditch Problem	Commissioner Blake Gerber was ask if he had any information he would like to present. After a few brief comments, Ben Adams, engineer with Commonwealth Engineering, presented current information on the project. Ben has been and is working with the city of Bluffton in the area of waste treatment. Three years ago Bluffton couldn't handle sewage from the McKinney-Paxon area residents. Now with a unique source of funding from the State Revolving Fund, approximately two million dollars will be available for the city of Bluffton to upgrade its sewage collection system to include McKinney Paxon residents. The total will be four and a half million for the city of Bluffton and the two and a half million to help the residents of the McKinney-Paxon Ditch area. There should be a completed document by June 15, 2015. Once everything is in place,

		approval and designs will go quickly and should be completed by the end of September or October. Bids will be let in November or December and construction could begin in the middle of 2016. Ben also handed out information with pictures of the system that would be installed on the residents' property. The meeting was then opened for questions. There were many questions about easement rights, cost and responsibility that would be incurred by the resident etc. If a resident doesn't sign up within the allotted time frame, the total cost of a future installation may be as much as \$10,000 that the resident will have to pay. Also, residents will have to sign a waiver that they will not remonstrate against annexation. Sandra Houlihan asked why this waiver was necessary requiring people to give up their right to remonstrate. Ben Adams replied that "Historically Speaking" this waiver is required, but not required by law.
5.	New Business:	No new business.
6	Public Questions/Comments:	The Annex was filled with many residents from the McKinney-Paxon Ditch area and other interested citizens.
7.	Meeting Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by Leon Berning; seconded by LeeVonGuten, motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.
8.	Next Regular Board Meeting	Next meeting to be announced.