Minutes of the Greene County Regional Sewer District Board of Directors March 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Regional Sewer District was held at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 2025, in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Present in person were Allen Toon, Tim Turpen, Michael Turner, Scott Oliphant, and Louis Massette. Also present in person were Matt Miller, Board Attorney Marvin Abshire, BFU, Inc., representatives Jeff Farmer and Connor Collier, Commissioner Rick Graves, Wessler Engineering representatives Marty Wessler and Tyler Graves, USTF CEO Bryant Niehoff, and American Structurepoint representative Jeff Glover.

The meeting was opened by a pledge to the flag. Louis Massette called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2025, regular meeting. Allen Toon moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Louis Massette suspended the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for comment on proposed Ordinance 2025-01, "Amended and Restated Ordinance for Collecting Rates and Charges for Industrial Wastewater Users".

The floor was opened for comments. Marvin Abshire noted that no representative from NHanced Semiconductors was present, but Marvin did receive an email from NHanced expressing an objection to paying an availability fee based on the proposed rate Ordinance because they received the intent to serve letter before this matter came under consideration. Marvin Abshire further noted the major change from the previous ordinance is a shift from billing industrial users based on the size of water meter to EDU usage. Comments were received from Jeff Farmer and Marty Wessler supporting proposed Ordinance 2025-01. There being no other public comment, Louis Massette adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

Next, a lengthy discussion took place on how to recover usage fees that exceed the industrial user's allocation/permit limit. Scott Oliphant moved, and Allen Toon seconded, to amend paragraph 4B of proposed Ordinance 2025-01 to state if an industrial user's average daily flow calculated on a monthly basis over a calendar year exceeds the allocation, then the industrial user shall be billed for the excess allocation and therefore, a new allocation shall be established. The motion passed 5-0.

Allen Toon moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2025-01, "Amended and Restated Ordinance for Collecting Rates and Charges for Industrial Wastewater Users" as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

Matt Miller submitted the Operating Fund Financial Report with yearly and month-to-month comparisons and claim's docket incorporated herein by reference. The cash balance as of February 28, 2025, was \$42,244.40. Matt Miller noted the balance has reduced approximately over \$9K since the end of February. Michael Turner moved, and Allen Toon seconded, to approve the Financial Report and claims docket. The motion passed 5-0.

The next item of business was discussion and possible action on a request for letter of intent to serve Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. for a proposed site plan near the I-69 and US-231 interchange. Love's sewer request is approximately 9,000 gallons per day. Jeff Farmer noted Love's would like an intent letter immediately. Jeff will work on a full report for next month's meeting to reflect current allocations to determine if the plant has the capacity to take on the additional allocation.

BFU representative Jeff Farmer noted he has nothing further to add for a monthly report.

In other business, American Structurepoint's project manager for WestGate development Jeff Glover presented an update on wastewater treatment plant and collection system progress development. WestGate One project is on hold due to CHIPS Act funding delays. There are two other developments underway. The RCE facility, South of Hwy. 558 anticipates 1,375 gpd wastewater discharge and plans to be operational in the 4th quarter of 2025. The IIF facility groundbreaking was held this week, North of WestGate Academy. IIF anticipates 2,000 gpd wastewater discharge and plans to be operational in 4th quarter of 2026. Jeff Glover further presented a schedule for Phase I and Phase II.

USTF CEO Bryant Niehoff then noted USTF is an operating partner with WestGate Authority. Bryant made the following points regarding funding for the wastewater treatment plant:

- Preliminary approval of \$13.5M was received in Summer 2024 with the project being included as a FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) project in the Senate Interior & Environment Appropriations Bill approved by the Senate Appropriation Committee.
- In order to receive funding from the EPA, Congress must pass a budget. The continuing resolution pushed any budget decisions to March. Congress passed the latest CR a few weeks ago which funds the government through FY25 with hopes of approving an actual budget for FY26 which starts on October 1.

- The latest CR didn't include any CDS projects, so USTF is working with both Senator Young's office and Congressman Mark Messmer's office to resubmit the project for funding.
- The project has been submitted to both offices, and at this point, they are awaiting guidance from both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the next steps for submitting the requests.

Marvin noted that the board might want to consider changing its meeting date or start time since the meetings seem to be running long and into the Redevelopment Commission meetings. Marvin will also check with the Redevelopment Commission to see if they will consider delaying the starting time of their meeting by 30 minutes.

Marty Wessler addressed Wessler Engineering's Task Order No. 3 regarding Pretreatment Program Assistance. The NPDS permit was issued. Wessler Engineering has 120 days from March 1, 2025, to prepare a Sewer Use Ordinance and Enforcement Response Plan and Pretreatment Program Development. The task order outlines the fees for the two tasks as \$18K and \$15K. Michael Turner moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to approve payments for the tasks. The motion passed 5-0.

Michael Turner mentioned two properties recently sold along County Line Road, Newberry, Indiana. One of the owners was a former nonpaying customer of the District.

There being no further business, Michael Turner moved, and Allen Toon seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2025.

Timothy Turpen, Secretary

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Operating Fund Financial Report January 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

	January	February	Total	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 44,387.29	\$ 34,528.64	\$ 44,387.29	
Receipts				
Sewer Collections	8,692.57	9,351.01	18,043.58	
Total Receipts	8,692.57	9,351.01	18,043.58	
Expenses				
Utilities	1,503.02	1,564.00	3,067.02	
Contractual Services	15,121.46	=	15,121.46	
Repairs and Maintenance	810.00	-	810.00	
Locates	696.50	71.25	767.75	
Office Expense	420.24	_	420.24	
Total Expenses	18,551.22	1,635.25	20,186.47	
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	(9,858.65)	7,715.76	(2,142.89)	
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 34,528.64	\$ 42,244.40	\$ 42,244.40	
Additional Information:				
Cash Balance as of March 18, 2025	\$ 33,107.16			
Unpaid Claims as of March 18, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>			

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Operating Fund Financial Report Year-to-Date Thru February 28, 2020-2025

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 13,524.92	\$ 15,424.83	\$ 56,068.46	\$ 78,033.53	\$ 89,929.39	\$ 44,387.29
Receipts						
Sewer Collections	20,173.00	18,802.20	17,554.19	14,124.00	20,921.10	18,043.58
Total Receipts	20,173.00	18,802.20	17,554.19	14,124.00	20,921.10	18,043.58
Expenses						
Utilities	1,933.70	3,093.70	3,093.04	3,079.04	2,925.02	3,067.02
Contractual Services	6,543.50	6,986.85	7,637.99	8,182.56	8,480.10	15,121.46
Repairs and Maintenance	14,311.78	-	944.33	2,610.00	2,057.74	810.00
Inspections	-	-	-	-	250.00	-
Locates	-	-	-	-	289.50	767.75
Materials and Supplies	-	-	-	45.35	33.30	-
Advance Repayment-GCRC	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	-
Collection Expense (Town of Bloomfield)	2,400.00	1,716.00	864.00	-	3,104.00	-
Office Expense		-	-		-	420.24
Total Expenses	26,596.98	13,204.55	13,947.36	15,324.95	18,547.66	20,186.47
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	(6,423.98)	5,597.65	3,606.83	(1,200.95)	2,373.44	(2,142.89)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 7,100.94	\$ 21,022.48	\$ 59,675.29	\$ 76,832.58	\$ 92,302.83	\$ 42,244.40