

CENTRAL LAKES REGION SANITARY DISTRICT

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Phase I—Discussion was held on special meeting at which Springsted presented information on various cost options. This led in to discussion as to how should the costs be allocated to all users in CLRSD. Should they be the same for all users in the district or should the charges be different for each phase. (All for one – one for all) Prior to next meeting WSN will put together estimated costs for Phase II, these combined with the information presently known for Phase I and III will be given to Springsted. They will be asked to provide information at the next meeting regarding what the cost per user would be if the total cost of the project was shared equally by all users. Pat Conway reported that a definite answer on funding from Rural Development may not be known until April or May but it looks very positive at this point. It remains very difficult to give a firm user cost as the interest rate to be charged by Rural Development is still an unknown. This is part of the pending farm bill. The House version has a rate of 4.25 to 4.5% while the Senate has a rate of 2.625 to 3.3%. Individuals were encouraged to contact there Senator or Representative and express their concern for the lower rate which can amount to a lot of dollars over 40 years. (For more information or contact information, contact John Stone at 320-834-2972)

It was agreed to proceed with engineering and funding with the goal to let bids in early spring so construction can start in 2008. The agreement with ALSAD was reviewed by the board and now goes to the ALSAD board for final approval.

The two million dollar grant approved by Congress to be used on construction is now in the hands of the Corp of Engineers. They have the authority to spend the money on the projects they feel are necessary and it appears there is a list of projects that far exceeds the money that is available. Contacts will continue be made to them requesting funds for our project.

Phase II—Prior to the next meeting, WSN will work with Brandon Township representatives to determine what areas in the township could be cost effectively served by a central sewer system and what the estimated cost would be. A letter will be sent out to the cities of Brandon and Garfield indicating what the intent of CLRSD is. This will include information that CLRSD is moving ahead and what the various alternatives might be for these cities.

Phase III—All requirements have been given to MPCA for permits and are waiting for approval from them. It is just a wait and see situation.

All Phases—Next month will review procedures for obtaining easements. A total budget of \$90,000.00 was approved at a previous meeting. This was now broken down in various line items and reviewed by the board. The employment contact with Pat Conway as General Manager was approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb.7, 2008.