

Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District

Rice County, Minnesota
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
6:00 pm
Official Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Glen Castore called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Members present: William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Glen Castore, Deb Salaba, Frances Boehning
2. **Approval of Agenda**
William Malecha made a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie Peters seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
3. **Approval of July 20th, 2022, meeting minutes**
Charlie Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20th, 2022, William Malecha seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
There was no financial activity to report. It was noted that the insurance invoice will be paid.
5. **Update on RLS Partners Project**
 - a. Glen Castore noted that the business proposed by RLS Partners will be in Bridgewater Township in the Rural Industrial zone north of Cty Rd 9.
 - b. RLS Partners is an investment group in the cold storage business. The proposed project is a phased project that is projected to encompass 60-80 acres. The business owner is meeting with local land owners with a goal of land acquisition in the spring of 2023.
 - c. A short discussion was held regarding fire suppression methods.
 - d. RLS would need a wastewater treatment system for employee sinks and bathrooms. The Joint Powers Association would assist in the creation of the treatment system.
6. **Wastewater Treatment**
 - a. Glen Castore spoke with multiple agencies for providing wastewater treatment systems.

- b. Natural Systems could design/build/maintain a system similar to that in Credit River.
- c. Stantec could provide options for mound type systems. They proposed starting with soil tests and a water map. A suggestion was made to divide the industrial area into zones showing where wells and septic systems could be placed based on soil testing and water maps.

7. JPA Financing

- a. A discussion was held regarding who would fund the research and engineering.
- b. A suggestion was made by Glen Castore to take a portion (10%) of the taxes paid to the Township from the businesses in the industrial area and move them to the JPA to fund future projects.
- c. Steel Waseca has grant/loan money available to assist in business startups.
- d. Glen Castore requested Charlie Peters to schedule a meeting with Steel Waseca to discuss the possibility of funding.

8. Adjourn

William Malecha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Charlie Peters seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Frances Boehning, Clerk, Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District.