

## **Marshall County Regional Sewer District Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 9, 2025

**Location:** Marshall county Building

**Time:** 9am

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Tom McFadden

### **2. Guest Presentation**

**Dr. Byron Holm** addressed the board to provide historical context on the formation of the sewer board and emphasized the importance of a regional sewer district for environmental protection. He highlighted:

- The need to prevent sewage dumping in local lakes.
- The role of local health departments in enforcing health laws and addressing sewage discharge hazards.
- The fact that septic failures are handled daily but not publicly reported.

### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- The **June 2025 meeting minutes** were reviewed and approved.

### **4. Financial Reports**

- Financial reports were discussed, and claims were approved.
- **Judge Dean Colvin** expressed concern over the high project costs and suggested exploring cost-cutting measures or slowing the project to make it more affordable for residents. He is suggesting pausing the project for a short time while the board works on cost-effective options to the PSA 1 homeowners.

### **5. Legal Update**

- **Chris Nusbaum** (Carlson Law Firm) reported that the **Marshall County Commissioners** have filed a declaratory action against **Tom McFadden**.
- Due to ongoing litigation, details could not be discussed.
- Tom McFadden will remain a board member during this process.

### **6. Grant and Funding Update**

- **Jeff Brown** (Baker Tilly) reported on the grant application:
  - Last year's score: 22 (top 1–9 received funding).
  - This year's score: 42 out of 85 projects, with \$590 million in total funding requests.
  - Concerns were raised about the drop in score and lack of county financial support.
  - **Diann Parsons** inquired about ways to improve future scores.
  - Discussion included:
    - Pursuing a **state pool grant** with higher interest for "dig-ready" projects.
    - Re-phasing the project to reduce costs.
    - Scaling back the project to improve funding chances.

## 7. Upcoming Public Meeting

- A **project meeting** is scheduled for **July 12, 2025**, from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at **Plymouth Wesleyan Church**.
- A **notary** will be present to sign over easements.

## 8. Engineering Consultations

- Approximately **50 homeowners** have scheduled consultations with **JPR Engineers** regarding the placement of **grinder pumps**.

## 9. Adjournment