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Board members encourage WCCD customers to attend their open, regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the district office. Meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at www.wccdin.org. Board members are interested in what residents have to say and encourage them to share comments and concerns.



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Keeping an eye on developments in the Town of Avon

Out of concern for District residents, the West Central Conservancy District has been watching two projects related to the Town of Avon's efforts to establish its own water and sewer utilities. The impact of these projects will affect not only West Central and other utility providers with potentially more costly litigation, but also affects residents/taxpayers and potential developers with costly control requirements and potentially significantly higher fees, charges and litigation costs.

Subdivision Control Ordinance

Last year a Subdivision Control Ordinance was introduced by a contracted consultant retained by the Town that would control and significantly restrict development in the Avon area. The ordinance seeks to give the Town of Avon the unprecedented ability to control and have approval authority over public and private utilities and "ownership" of the utility infrastructure when completed. The ordinance conflicts with generally all utility providers' regulations and approval processes. It also fails to indicate who the provider of service will be since the Town has no utilities to which their infrastructure can connect.

Just this past February, Hendricks County Superior Court 4 declared void a previous Avon ordinance that sought to control groundwater beneath the ground of Hendricks County property owners within 10 miles of Avon and Avon property owners, including the District and Washington Township. The Court cited the Indiana statute that says a town may not regulate conduct that is already regulated by a State agency. West Central Conservancy District is, by statute, a

political subdivision of the State.

"The District's job is not to promote growth or deny growth. We exist to provide economical and quality wastewater collection and treatment. In that way, we facilitate growth when it does occur," said Ron Goff, District Manager.

The Subdivision Control Ordinance would severely limit or even halt growth in this area. The ordinance would impact growth by limiting individual tax assessments, decreasing economy-to-scale and attempting to curb the District's ability to implement planning goals for potential customers beyond the Avon ordinance's boundaries.

The Banning Contract

The Town of Avon has also contracted the services of a third-party, Banning Engineering, at a cost of nearly \$56,000.00, to perform a study and make recommendations to establish Town sewer, water and storm water utilities.

Mr. Goff said the District is concerned and therefore is watching these projects. "The District believes that the citizenry should be made aware of these issues and the potential costs added to the resident and taxpayer for the Town wanting expanded control," he said.

"West Central Conservancy District will continue watching the progress of these projects and keep customers advised. The potential impact of the projects is significant to everyone. Although there are court cases that prohibit such actions as regards to sewer service, the Town is continuing these actions at the residents' expense."

How collecting, purifying and restoring of wastewater impact the local community

The availability of purified water has a positive daily impact on our community in ways many of us never consider.

Every day each of us makes clean water “dirty” just by using our sinks, toilets, showers and bathtubs, washing machines, dishwashers, and garbage disposals. Places of business and recreation also use water in ways that make it unusable for human consumption. We rarely give a thought to what happens to all that “dirty” water. By collecting and purifying this used water, West Central Conservancy District makes it clean enough to safely restore it to the environment.

The District currently processes 3.2 million gallons of wastewater each day, enough wastewater to fill four Olympic swimming pools. With its last expansion, it now has the capability to purify 5 million gallons of wastewater each day, enough water to fill eight Olympic swimming pools!



This is a vital service to the community, its citizens and the environment in many ways. First of all, the process the District uses to purify the water virtually eliminates water-borne diseases. When you consider that in developing



countries, 80% of their diseases are water-related, you can begin to grasp the importance of clean water for our health and well-being.

Secondly, the District’s wastewater treatment plant uses cost-effective, environmentally safe and healthful scientific processes to remove pollution from the wastewater. The treated water from the plant is actually cleaner than the water in White Lick Creek that it’s restored to. Fish and other life in the water habitat congregate and have growth where the treated lines dispense water into the creek.

Thirdly, assuring that wastewater is properly collected and purified impacts the recreation industry and farming. The creek goes through farms and impacts livestock and crops. Recreation in the areas fed by the creek would be affected if the water was not clean, and this impacts not only the environment but the economy of the area.

Finally, when it comes to economic growth, the area’s ability to process wastewater is a key factor in attracting new development and industry, which translates to jobs and a stronger tax base. West Central Conservancy District was established nearly 20 years ago at a time when the existing wastewater facility was not able to process any additional sewage and there was a moratorium on development. With the District’s expansion of wastewater treatment capabilities, that allowed Avon to develop into the community we all enjoy.

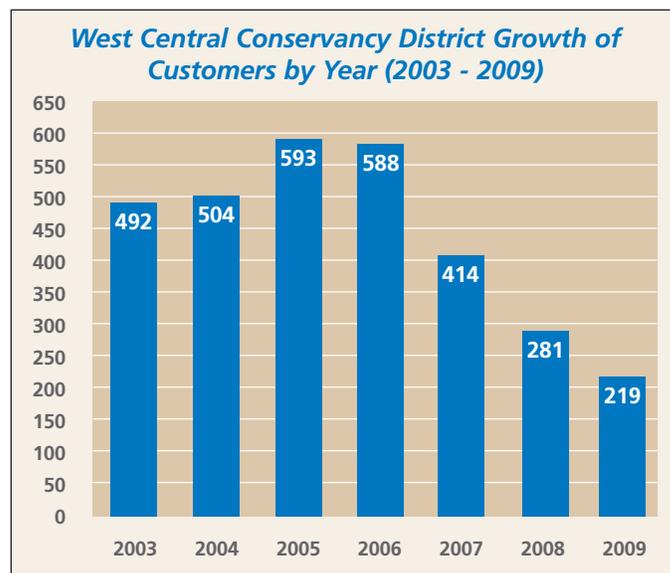
As the human population of the community grows along with additional businesses, schools and subdivisions, the amount of water used will also increase. The District is prepared to handle the increased water resource to ensure it is safe to restore to the environment.

Krohn & Associates' review results are positive for West Central Conservancy District

The financial condition of the West Central Conservancy District is strong and customer rates remain adequate.

A new report from O.W. Krohn & Associates, LLP, shows that the financial condition of West Central Conservancy District remains strong and the rates charged to its customers for the collecting, purifying and restoring of wastewater remain adequate to cover costs. Those costs include all operational costs and the debt service on monies borrowed in 2002 to provide infrastructure upgrades and facility improvements. District Manager Ron Goff said the report confirms that a rate increase is not anticipated in the foreseeable future.

Goff said this is true even though growth in the service area has slowed considerably. The review reveals that the area experienced significant growth up to the point of the economic breakdown in 2007. The graph shows that from 2003 to 2006, the District gained approximately 500 to 600 new customers each year. In 2007, the number of new customers began to decrease each year to a low of only 219 in 2009.



The periodic financial review was performed at the direction of the District's Board of Directors.

WCCD recognized for excellence in its collecting, purifying and restoring operations

For the second year in a row, West Central Conservancy District has been recognized for outstanding plant performance from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.

The District was recognized for its daily efforts to run its plant systems at the most efficient and effective levels possible. The plant utilizes a 4-basin AquaSBR® Sequencing Batch Reactor System for primary treatment of the conservancy district's wastewater. Newly installed in 2006, the system is operated, regulated and monitored by the District's licensed and experienced plant professionals.

The District's plant collects, purifies and restores on average about 3.2 million gallons per day, and can reach up to a

maximum peak flow of 6.6 million gallons per day for its more than 7,000 customers.

"It takes highly trained professionals to oversee the treatment of this volume of wastewater while continuing to run the most efficient system possible," said District Manager Ron Goff. "Our operations staff deserves credit for this achievement because it's through their hard work every day that we reach this high level of performance. It is our ongoing goal to utilize the most cost effective, environmentally safe and healthful methods available in treating wastewater."

Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. is a leader in the design and manufacture of wastewater treatment equipment and systems for both municipal and industrial worldwide markets.

WCCD News Briefs

New Plant Superintendent

Shawn Massingale became West Central Conservancy District's new Plant Superintendent in April. At the same time, Cory Trueblood was named Assistant Plant Superintendent.

Did you know there are six ways to pay your bill?

1. Via the Internet using WCCD ePay
2. By check or cash in person at the District office
3. Sending a check via snail mail
4. Paying online through a bank
5. Automatic payment by credit card
6. Automatic payment by debit card

Preventive Maintenance

We are busy with our annual program of cleaning 20% of all sewer lines and have left door-hangers in the neighborhoods where we will be working. The program prevents the sanitary sewers from becoming clogged and causing backups. During this period we strive to closely monitor our pressure and perform this operation as carefully as possible. If you have questions or comments, please call the Collection Supervisor at (317) 491-3593.

WCCD 2010 Regular Board Meetings

Monday, June 21, 2010

Monday, July 19, 2010

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