

The Pipeline



Winter 2011 Update

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WCCD Board Serves You

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 web site 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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We're still watching - Town of Avon continues appeals

West Central Conservancy District is continuing to monitor developments in the Town of Avon's efforts to establish its own water and sewer utilities. These efforts continue to affect the District and other utility providers (and their customers) with expensive litigation and have the potential to strap residents/taxpayers and developers with costly control requirements and significantly higher fees, charges and litigation costs.

As we've told you in past newsletters, in February 2009, Hendricks County Superior Court 4 declared void a 2008 Town of Avon ordinance that sought to control groundwater beneath the land of Avon property owners and Hendricks County property owners within 10 miles of Avon, 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 Town Council chose to appeal the decision of the Hendricks County Superior Court to the Indiana Court of Appeals, and in November 2010, the

Appeals Court rejected that appeal, declaring the 2008 ordinance invalid. Yet, now the Town Council has filed another costly appeal, this time asking the Indiana Supreme Court to review the Appeals Court decision.

It is vital that District customers and Avon taxpayers become aware of these developments and realize that these continuing appeals, which are a drain on the Town's limited resources, are being made at their expense. While the Council may view owning the utilities as a source of income, the expense associated with obtaining and developing those utilities would surely fall to the residents in the form of increased rates and added taxes.

In the meantime, the District continues our efforts to provide exemplary wastewater treatment services at rates that have not changed in many years and without levying additional taxes. Continuing to collect, purify and restore wastewater for our customers long into the future is our primary concern.

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New centrifuges will increase District's capacity and efficiency

A major upgrade at the West Central Conservancy District treatment plant will increase the District's capacity and efficiency for years into the future.

Two state-of-the-art centrifuge units will be installed to separate solids from water in the biosolid area. Shawn Massingale, plant superintendent, said, "This new system will handle four times the wastewater as the current belt filter press. This will increase our capacity and allow us to handle demand as development takes place in our service area."

The upgrade has been in the planning stages since May 2010. A contractor started demolishing the old equipment in December, and the new system should be in use by summer. A portable belt press will be used during the transition. Cory Trueblood, assistant plant superintendent, said, "When this upgrade is done, two centrifuges, each the size of a small car, will operate in the same footprint as



the old belt filter press, producing three dumpsters of solid waste a day compared to the one we fill now."

Massingale said, "Our board considered all options carefully and decided upgrading now would save the District money in the future. I can't emphasize enough how much more efficient this new equipment will make our process. The system won't need upgrading again for many years."

Don't forget - you can pay your bill online!

Be sure to check out the District's web site and our **ePay** feature at www.wccdin.org. Using our **ePay** system you can make a one-time payment online. Create your account, login and register to receive e-bills via e-mail, and register for automatic withdrawals.

We think you'll find that our web site is now easier to navigate, with more features and information available at your fingertips, including articles, recent newsletters and forms for adding or transferring service. If you don't find the answer you need on the frequently asked questions page, there's a form for you to submit your question online. The developers' page has information and assistance to help streamline the development of projects.

Don't forget - save a stamp and make your payment online using **ePay**!



Notice of 2011 Annual Meeting and Board Election

Our 2011 Annual Meeting will be **Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 4 p.m.** in the District office, 243 South County Road 625 East in Avon. This meeting will include the election of a Director for Area Two, due to the expiration of the term of office of Director Linda L. Scott.

The nominees for Area Two Director are Linda L. Scott and Charles C. Dorton to serve for a four-year term of office until the 2015 Annual Meeting of the District. Freeholders (landowners) of the entire West Central Conservancy District are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots may be cast in person at the District office from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

Absentee balloting is available during the following dates and times, prior to the Annual Meeting Election, at the District office:

Friday, February 11, 2011 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday, February 14, 2011 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For additional information, please go to our web site at www.wccdin.org and click on "Notice of 2011 Annual Meeting" under "News."

Odor concerns

Gary Padgett, supervisor of system operations, has responded to several calls concerning an odor in homes. He said the cause is usually a dry drainage trap or plumbing line that allows an odor to come up the drain. Pouring about a gallon of water into these dry drains or traps should eliminate the

odor. Another possible cause is a roof vent that needs to be unclogged. If these fixes don't work, you might need to call a plumber, but Padgett strongly encourages customers to call the District first at (317) 491-3593. "We'll come out and try to get the problem eliminated," he said.

Jon Love receives Marilyn Gambold Education Fund Grant

Plant operator Jon Love was awarded a Marilyn Gambold Education Fund Grant to attend the recent 2010 Water Institute conducted by the Indiana Rural Water Association (IRWA).

Jon is training for his operator certification and attending conferences and workshops gives him the opportunity to continue to learn technical and managerial aspects of the water and wastewater industry and to earn continuing education credits necessary to keep his certification current.

This grant honors the legacy of Marilyn Gambold, IRWA's former long-term executive director. The association is a member-supported, not-for-profit organization founded in 1968. Its mission is to provide education and technical assistance to water and wastewater facilities in Indiana.





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Sillery is new District Manager

Debbie Sillery is the new West Central Conservancy District Manager, replacing Ron Goff, who retired in December. Sillery has been with the District since July 2002 and served as accounts receivable clerk and business manager before becoming Assistant District Manager in September 2003. For the past three years, she has served as the President of the Association of Indiana Conservancy Districts.

Sillery has been active in her community of Roachdale for many years, having served on the town council for eight years and on the North Putnam School Board for another 11 years, where she is now vice president.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to educate the Avon community about wastewater treatment and what we do here at the District," Sillery said. She and other District employees are available to speak to groups and demonstrate the process with a working treatment system model. "We welcome individuals and groups to tour the plant," she said. "They just need to call to arrange a time for a tour."



WCCD 2011 Regular Board Meetings

Monday, March 21, 2011

Monday, April 18, 2011

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