

Construction alternatives offered at sewer district opposition meeting

By Debbie Lowe
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Carroll County residents gathered at the Yeoman United Methodist Church April 25, to once again declare themselves as opponents of the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District's presence in Carroll County. Organizer Pat Robertson told the more than 75 county residents in attendance that commissioners in 2000 acted without giving adequate notification to Jefferson

Township residents. "No one was really warned this was coming at us," Robertson said. "This was a wrong done by the former commissioners in Carroll County." Robertson made the further claim that the 2000 township trustee re-drew the boundary lines without going to the township advisory board for approval and submitted the map to the commissioners, who then attached it to the letter of request for inclusion in the sewer district.

"Anytime you deny someone their fundamental rights, there is going to be opposition," Robertson stated.

Robertson gathered signatures for a petition to present to Carroll County Commissioners

at their May 1 meeting asking for exclusion of all of Carroll County from the sewer district.

"It's time that everyone affected do your part to let everyone know how you feel," she said. "It's time for us to keep our voices going to let Indiana

Sewer district opponents - 'There's just a better way for us,'

Jefferson Township resident Pat Robertson

Department of Environmental Management know we are unhappy."

At the April 22 commissioners' meeting, president Bill Brown promised to write a letter to IDEM in favor of the county's total exclusion from the district.

Robertson expects the newest petition to be attached to the letter going to IDEM.

"It takes everyone to show their support for the letter from their commissioners," Jefferson Township resident Larry Blazer said.

When Blazer informed the crowd commissioner Loren Hylton seemed less inclined at the commissioners' meeting to sign Brown's letter, one audience member expressed disappointment with Hylton's stance. "That's what makes me mad -

he's supposed to be representing this township," she shouted.

"There are people who want the sewer district along the lake," Robertson said. "I'm not opposing any entity of having a sewer around the lake and I'm not saying they don't need a sewer around the lake. There's just a better way for us."

Jefferson Township resident June Barnett said she wants Carroll County leaders to work on a plan to help several little towns and settlements in the county who will need a sewer in the future.

"I am against our county council giving any money to the sewer district," she said. "We should keep our money in our county."

Shady Hollow resident Phil

Mailloux believes a similar tactic would be prudent.

"Carroll County should develop their own system. White Oaks has one. The Landings has one. But only if an area needs it should they get it," he said.

Jefferson Township resident Bill Bell agrees with Mailloux. Bell said he built the White Oaks disposal plant and that facility will accommodate 3,000 homes. He said the county could assist communities to organize similar operations and help plan for them financially.

Robertson provided a list of county, state and federal officials' telephone numbers for residents to contact to express discontent with the sewer district.

TLRSD board meetings move to evenings in June

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With all of the controversy about the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District's plan for Phase IIIB in Carroll County, construction seemed to be eminent.

However the start time to begin construction was given to be about a year from now, according to Joe Tierney of GRW Engineering, the firm responsible for the design of Phase III and Phase IIIB. The announcement came at the sewer district's board of directors meeting April 27. Board treasurer Art Anderson agreed with the assessment of when construction would begin.

"I'm being optimistic in saying a year," he said.

Tierney reported a funding commitment from the office of Rural Development is approximately 120 days away. He added his firm will apply for a permit for the modified line route from Indiana Department of Environmental Management soon.

Tierney stated there are 600 customers in Phase III and 1,100 customers included in Phase IIIB, which is the service area in Carroll County.

It was announced that interim bills to all customers will begin when a bid is accepted for construction and the company is ready to proceed.

Phase III charges from GRW for \$55,000 were approved. However Anderson called for an engineering review to "cross-check to see if what they have (planned) is what they need (to be doing)."

"My personal feeling is that it's over-engineered," Anderson said by way of explanation.

Carroll County's board representative Ron Felz agreed.

"I personally have some questions," he said. "I'd like to sit down with GRW as well."

Board members decided to meet with GRW initially to discuss concerns before requesting a review from an outside party. Board president Jim Smith, Felz and Anderson comprise the ad hoc committee for this purpose.

The board voted five to one to hold only evening meetings beginning in June. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the current location. Anderson voted against the action.

Oak Grove Church patron and Jefferson Township resident Sherry Long said she received no notification about the pending Rattle Snake Creek action. She advised that her church, along with one other, baptizes in the creek.

"The water that's going to be put in the creek is cleaner than what's in the creek," Anderson said.

"I'm going to do whatever possible to stop it," Long said. "This isn't a right thing."

When asked about alternative funding streams for Phase IIIB by Jefferson Township resident Sandy Hathaway, Smith replied, "Carroll County government could give you assistance if they chose to."

"Your county government could float a bond issue to help you," he continued. "We made a request (to county council) three

times. They chose not to."

Special Meeting

TLRSD met in special session prior to the 3 p.m. April 27 board meeting to discuss a previously advertised community forum, planned for April 30, to be held in conjunction with a reporter from the *Lafayette Journal and Courier*.


"I wanted a story about the positive side of the sewer district," Smith said.

Smith reported the advertised venue was not available for the event and explained the forum was not planned in a public board meeting nor was it voted on by the board prior to the publicity.

The decision was made to cancel the meeting and not reschedule until it was time for the public rate hearings.

After adjournment, Smith and four board members remained sitting and fielded questions from audience members.

"We're just having a conversation here," he said to explain the obvious violation of the Indiana open door law.



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Deer Creek Presbyterian Church is involved May 13 from 7-9 p.m. in Music for Missions at Delphi United Methodist Church. A free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go to raise funds for a mission trip to a South Dakota Native American Reservation.

Faith Lutheran Church will have its annual Mother/Daughter Banquet at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the church. All women and daughters or friends are invited.

Dot Fulton was in Batesville recently to visit her granddaughter and husband, Charrel and Jeremy Raven. She attended her great-granddaughter, Kayley's baptism.

George and Virginia Marcellino recently traveled to Novi, Mich., where their son, David Marcellino, and wife, Diane, have built a new home. This is the first time they have visited them in their new home.

The "Good Neighbor Gals" recently went out to lunch in Logansport. Those attending were Betty Bell, Debbie Delaplaine, Dot Fulton, Mary Ellen Johnson, Marilyn Hile, Helen Forgey, Ruthina Forgey, Dottie Delaplaine, and Ellen Herr.

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Looking Back



Delphi H.S. graduating class, 1878

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet.

10 YEARS AGO

The building trades program at Carroll Consolidated School Corporation is being discontinued as of next school year.

With the resignation of 11-year building trades instructor Eldo Beam, corporation officials felt it was the right time to evaluate and make changes in the existing program to better meet the needs of students.

Whiteman Brothers, Inc., Kent Feeds dealer for the Delphi area, was recently recognized at a company sponsored appreciation and awards banquet in Indianapolis.

Whiteman Brothers, Inc., received the outstanding sales and service award.

25 YEARS AGO

A postal collection box has been placed in front of Kenworthy's Grocery in Delphi in answer to numerous requests from residents in that area. If mail does not warrant keeping this box, it probably will be removed in the future, according to Harry Hammond, postmaster.

Grand Opening-Locally raised beef will be featured in Country Fresh Meats opening May 9 at 1 South Center Street in Flora. The market which is open from 9-6 p.m. Monday through Saturdays will also offer luncheon meats, cheeses, eggs and cuts of pork.

50 YEARS AGO

With 9,737 people registered to vote, Carroll County was ready this week for the primary election, to be held Tuesday May 8. Inspectors for 27 of the 28 precincts had been named by Tuesday afternoon and Saturday they were to report to the office of Joe R. Tolen, clerk of the Carroll Circuit Court, to pick up election-day supplies and ballots. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. (central standard time) and close at 6 p.m.

New Hope first and second-graders came to Delphi Friday and took a train ride to Frankfort, where they were met by their mothers. Several of the mothers had never ridden on a

train.

75 YEARS AGO

During the month of April, the Delphi Journal will accept new subscriptions for Carroll County's leading newspaper for the remainder of 1931 at on 50 cents and one dollar per year for old accounts.

The Diamond Oil Band of Flora has made arrangements to again play at the Indianapolis Speedway races on Decoration Day. This band has participated in this great display of bands for a number of years.

Mrs. Basil Plank Pitzer is offering permanent waving for \$3 and marcelling for 50 cents. She is a Rainbow Beauty Academy graduate with six years of experience.

100 YEARS AGO

A farmer living east of town says that he rid his farm of rats in the following manner: "On a number of pieces of shingles I put about a half teaspoon of molasses and on that I put a small quantity of lye and then put the shingles around under the cribs. The next morning I found some forty dead rats, and the rest had 'skidooed.' I have cleared several farms of the pest in the same way and I never knew it to fail."

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