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October 2, 2025

Ms. Charlotte McFarren
Compliance Branch
Office of Water Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 N. Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Town of Fort Branch
Agreed Order Quarterly Progress Report
NPDES #0022896

Dear Ms. McFarren:

As required, the Town of Fort Branch offers this progress report regarding its wastewater system and the corresponding agreed order requirements.

Based on the \$2.5 million grant committed to the Town by the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission, the Town continues to make progress on the project recommended in the preliminary engineering report (PER) completed by HWC Engineering (HWC). The project includes two divisions of work, replacement of critical items at the treatment facility (sludge pumps and blowers), and rehabilitation of areas of the collection system to remove inflow/infiltration (I/I).

As stated previously, the treatment facility work was completed as of the end of March 2024. The Town has assumed operation of all of the new equipment/processes.

Regarding the collection system, during the 3rd quarter of 2025 work continued by SLB Pipe Solutions (SLB) on additional sanitary sewer rehabilitation work authorized via change order and all work (base bid and change order work) is now substantially complete with final completion including paving and sidewalk replacement noted as punch list items to be completed in mid-October. The additional work completed during the 3rd quarter as approved via a change order executed by the Town on June 25, 2025 included:

- 600 lineal feet of CIPP lining to rehab an existing sewer main on Walnut Street.

- 360 lineal feet of CIPP lining to rehab an existing sewer main within the railroad right-of-way from Locust St to Vine St.

- Fifteen (15) CIPP patches to repair an existing 6" sewer main within the railroad right-of-way from Williams St to Vine St.

- One (1) manhole frame and cover replacement.

- Replace four (4) existing deteriorated manholes.

- Install one (1) new manhole and one (1) new cleanout for access to clean, inspect and maintain the gravity sewer.

Monitoring of flows during wet weather should be able to be started in the fourth quarter of 2025 and extend through the first quarter of 2026 to determine the effectiveness of the sewer rehabilitation and the potential need for additional capacity at the wastewater treatment facility. A demonstration period for the plant can be started at any time now that work has been substantially completed for the project.

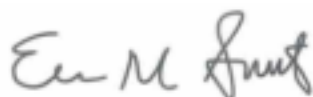


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We trust that the steps taken and in process continue to demonstrate the Town's commitment to addressing the issues which exist in the system. We will continue to provide updates to you as the work progresses.

As the Town's consultant, we are willing to meet and discuss the proposed project or the Town's problems with you at any time.

Sincerely,



Eric M. Smith, P.E.
Vice President/Director Water Resources

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