

BEFORE THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED CLAY COUNTY (COALMONT)
REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

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PROCEEDINGS

in the above-captioned matter, before Hearing
Officer Brian Wolff, taken before me, Lindy L.
Meyer, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the State
of Indiana, County of Shelby, at the Lewis
Township Fire Rescue, 6440 West Coalmont Public
Road, Coalmont, Indiana, on Tuesday, November 21,
2023 at 6:03 o'clock p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 ON BEHALF OF IDEM:

3 Brian Wolff, Hearing Officer

4 Emily Faust

5 SPEAKERS PRESENT:

6 None

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6:03 o'clock p.m.
November 21, 2023

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THE HEARING OFFICER: All right.

We'll go ahead and get things started. This is a very formal process. We're required by law to follow this very strictly, so I have a script that we're going to read, so it's not that I don't want to talk, but we have to follow this script. So, good evening. I'd like to welcome all of you to tonight's public hearing.

Will the official reporter designated for this hearing please stand and raise your right hand and state your name?

(Reporter sworn.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

My name is Brian Wolff, and I am the Branch Chief for Surface Water and Operations in the Office of Water Quality at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. I am Hearing Officer in the public hearing scheduled for tonight.

This hearing concerns the Proposed Clay County (Coalmont) Regional Sewer District,

1 hereafter referred to as the District. IDEM
2 public noticed the petition for a two-week period
3 beginning on November 3rd. The petition is
4 available on-line at the Indiana Department of
5 Environmental Management, Indiana Government
6 Center North, Room 1255, North Senate Avenue,
7 Indianapolis, Indiana, Monday through Friday,
8 excluding official holidays, between the hours
9 of 8:15 and 4:45. We also have brought a few
10 copies of the application here tonight for
11 review, and they're over here.

12 At this time, I would like to introduce
13 the other IDEM staff who are present here tonight
14 in conjunction with this meeting. Ms. Emily
15 Faust is the Regional Sewer District Coordinator
16 for the Office of Water.

17 You can go ahead and stand up.

18 (Ms. Faust stood.)

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: The purpose of
20 this hearing is to give all interested parties an
21 opportunity to comment on the petition concerning
22 the creation of the Clay County (Coalmont)
23 Regional Sewer District. The IDEM staff who are

1 present tonight at this hearing will not be
2 acting as advocates of the District. They will
3 not be presenting any evidence as to why the
4 District should or should not be created.

5 The IDEM staff want to hear the public's
6 comments and evidence on why the District should
7 or should not be formed. When presenting your
8 comments, please include facts and evidence, such
9 as dates, what you have personally observed and
10 when, and what you feel the solution is to any
11 problems and why. It is not helpful to the
12 Department to receive comments favoring or not
13 favoring the District unless the comments are
14 accompanied by reasons backed up by evidence and
15 facts.

16 Notice of the time and place of this
17 hearing were given as required by law by
18 publication in the Brazil Times newspaper.

19 Appearance cards are available for those
20 who would like to speak on the record in this
21 matter. If you have not already completed the
22 form and wish to speak, please to so at the
23 registration table now. Be sure to indicate

1 whether you are appearing for yourself, on behalf
2 of a group or organization.

3 Also, please note the capacity in which
4 you appear, such as an attorney, officer or
5 authorized spokesperson. There is also a sign-in
6 sheet if you would want to go on record as being
7 present at tonight's hearing.

8 Oral and written statements will be
9 considered and included into the record. Please
10 hand any written statements to the IDEM staff
11 present here tonight. A written transcript of
12 the hearing will be made. The transcript and any
13 written submissions will be open for public
14 inspection at the Indiana Department of
15 Environmental Management, Government Center
16 North, Room 1255, 100 North Senate Avenue in
17 Indianapolis, Indiana. A copy of the transcript
18 will be made available to any person upon payment
19 of the copying costs.

20 At this time, we'll begin taking comments
21 on the Proposed Clay County (Coalmont) Regional
22 Sewer District. Comments should be directed as
23 to the substance of the petition. Staff will not

1 be responding to comments during tonight's public
2 hearing. However, the consultant for the
3 Regional Sewer District, at the conclusion of
4 this public hearing, is willing to answer
5 questions that residents in the area might have
6 about the formation of the District.

7 Are there any other people that have
8 appearance cards that would like to turn them in?

9 (No response.)

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. So, at
11 this time, I will call up people that have turned
12 in cards. As I call your name to speak, please
13 come up to the front of the room to make your
14 presentation. Please speak slowly and -- slowly
15 and clearly to enable the court recorder to
16 accurately transcribe your comments. We ask that
17 the audience please be respectful of the person
18 speaking.

19 Scott Rash.

20 MR. RASH: No comments.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: No comments?
22 You have no comment? Okay.

23 Is there anybody else that would like to

1 make comments for -- to IDEM on the formation of
2 the District?

3 (No response.)

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Since there is
5 nobody that wants to make comments, I do want to
6 state before we conclude the public hearing that
7 it is -- you are allowed to submit written
8 comments to IDEM, and we can give you contact
9 information and ensure that you can submit
10 written comments to us for our consideration.
11 Written comments will need to be received by
12 December 3rd. So, the last call for any
13 additional comments at the public hearing.

14 (No response.)

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. So, I'll
16 go ahead. We appreciate everybody coming to the
17 public hearing tonight. The hearing concerning
18 the Proposed Clay County (Coalmont) Regional
19 Sewer District is now concluded.

20 Thank you all for coming.

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22 Thereupon, the proceedings of
23 November 21, 2023 were concluded
at 6:11 o'clock p.m.
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1 CERTIFICATE

2 I, Lindy L. Meyer, Jr., the undersigned
3 Court Reporter and Notary Public residing in the
4 City of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana, do
5 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
6 correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me
7 on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in this matter and
8 transcribed by me.

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10 Lindy L. Meyer Jr.

11 Lindy L. Meyer, Jr.,

12 Notary Public in and

13 for the State of Indiana.

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15 My Commission expires August 26, 2024.

16 Commission No. NP0690003
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