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Council and Commissioners,

I attended the BCRSD board meeting last Tuesday. The BCRSD is proposing major changes in the county based on a plan and study that have not been presented to the citizenry or their elected officials at a public meeting. The estimated (2020) cost for "Phase 1" for providing sewer service in the Lake Lemon to the Bean Blossom corridor and expanded areas has been estimated at over \$30 million (2020) which is just a start.

Link to the audio. Part 2 - Discussion. This started after the business meeting ended. (30 minutes) – some profanity.
https://independentvotersofbrowncountyincom.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/bcrd-meeting-2-230213_0361.mp3

My notes and audio are available at the following and including suggestions regarding next steps.
<https://independentvotersofbrowncountyin.com/2023/02/16/19508/>

A public meeting on the presentation of the County Wastewater Strategic Plan and Water Quality Study by the contractors is critical in informing the public (and their elected reps) on the premise of the suggested major changes that will affect their quality of life. The BCRSD strategic plan and study provide a foundation for the justification of need to be identified in the applications for funding (PERs).

Note that the scope of the projects are not addressed in the County Comprehensive Plan that is required by statute in order identify what citizens want and do not want in terms of economic development, quality of life, and zoning.

Major changes must be supported with a clear and compelling justification that is explained to the citizenry and supported by their elected officials. At a minimum, the presentation of the Wastewater Strategic Plan and Water Quality Study should be offered to the public before any public hearing on the presentation of the PERs. Further, the legality of proposing a major and costly strategy that is not addressed specifically in the County Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed.

I've been following and documenting this issue since 2016. Be glad to discuss any questions or counter-arguments that you may have,

Respectively,
Tim

