

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
APRIL 8, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Sue Schroeder, called the meeting to order at 5 pm. The meeting was held at the Tri-Lakes Lions Club, 2935 E Colony Ave. Columbia City, IN

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present. Also present for the regular board meeting was Carol Martin, Tina Lemon, Mike Martin, Ruth & Ed Orr, Dick Johnson and Cliff Creason.

**CUSTOMER CALLS/CONCERNS/INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES**

No new concerns were directed to the board.

**MINUTES & REPORTS**

The Minutes, Operations and Maintenance Reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Sue asked for any additions, deletions or questions on any of them.

Tim made a motion to approve the reports and Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

**OLD BUSINESS --**

- Carol reviewed with the board the different connection policies currently on record with the district. At this time no credit will be given for past payments to their bond portion if the property owner opts to permanently disconnect sewer on a vacant lot. Should a structure ever be rebuilt on this property, a brand new connection fee will be assessed. There was a motion made by Tom to have Matt Shipman review the policies and was seconded by Dick. Motion carried by verbal vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- IDEM yearly review was good. There was the stream flow graph from the engineer that needed to be updated as it was over a year old. Carol has that scheduled and will submit to IDEM when complete. She should have the full report for the board for next month.
- MacAllister's yearly preventive inspection reports were presented to the board. There were items on a few of the generators which needed to be addressed. The board decided to wait before going forward until Carol could validate the said needed repairs.
- Influent flow meter is still being fine-tuned. The first meter was pulled as we were not getting good readings and replaced with meter two. The second meter looked as if it's giving us good numbers and going to work. We are going to wait for a few months and try putting back in the first meter to see if we just needed to give it more time to acclimate to the liquid. There is still site work that will need to be done after the ground settles and dries out.
- Letter was sent to a Bear, High & Wolf Lake Regional Sewer District from Schnelker Engineering stating that at this time Tri-Lakes Regional Sewer District does not want to entertain merging together the two systems.
- AirVac had a new employee start this past week, Mike Leininger. Rod Hattery returned also for just a week, but is still on light duty. Again the turnover and lack of communication is of big concern with Carol. Hope to have Clint Hawn from AirVac to the next board meeting to address these concerns.

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- The quote from AirVac to rebuild the pulled pump from Station D was discussed. The Board requested AirVac to determine if a new impeller was needed before they made a decision. Carol will have them look into it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- CD's from Star Bank are coming due on May 17th. State Board of Accounts requires we get three bids and we can only invest for no longer than two years. Carol will try to have rates for the board at their next meeting.
- It was discussed to set up a tour of the district for the board now that the weather is getting nice. Carol will get this set up in the next couple of months.

**TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT**

Since it was not yet 6:00 the time scheduled to hear public comment on the proposed rate increase of 5%, George S. made a motion and Tom seconded to suspend the meeting at this point until 6:00. The motion carried by verbal vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

**RE-CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Sue Schroeder, called the public hearing to order at 6 pm. This hearing was held for public comments on the board's proposed and approved 5% rate increase, to be effective 5/1/2013. Carol asked for all guests to please sign the attendance sheet and rules of the hearing were read. There were nine (9) guests present.

Sue went around the room and asked each guest individually if they would like to speak. No one wished to comment. At this point the meeting was closed to further comment.

Sue then requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2013-1. Tim made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Tom. A roll call vote of each board member saying "yes" or "no" to approve the ordinance was made by Sue.

Rate Ordinance 2013-1 passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

Janet Moss – Yes  
George Bruce – Yes  
Sue Schroeder –Yes

Tom Wise – Yes  
George Schrupf – Yes

Dick Eckert –Yes  
Tim Brower –Yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Janet made a motion to adjourn and George S. seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Sue adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Tim Brower, Secretary