

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
April 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Brower, President, called the meeting to order at 5 PM. The meeting was held at the Tri-Lakes District Office, 5240 N. Old 102, Columbia City, IN.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Tim Brower, Tom Wise, Ruth Orr, Sue Schroeder, George Schrupf and Priscilla Peters; Linda Parker was absent. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason also attended the meeting.

MINUTES & REPORTS

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

George made a motion to approve reports as presented, Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

CUSTOMER CONCERNS

No concerns or comments for the Trustees this past month.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board reviewed the proposed Sewer Rate Ordinance 2015-1 for the 5% rate increase (O&M \$0.95 + Billing \$0.12 = \$1.07). It was decided to hold the public meeting at the Sewer District, 5240 N. Old 102 Columbia City, IN at 5:30 PM. This will be just following the regular scheduled monthly meeting. Carol will have the required postings submitted in the Post and Mail and News Era for the public meeting.
- Carol collected information from other sewer districts regarding retirement plans and options. Clay Township Regional Waste District sent information about the Hoosier Start program offered by the state of Indiana for state and local government employees. After much discussion it was decided to have someone come and talk with the board about the plan. This will be a special meeting so after the date is set Carol will advertise the time and subject for this meeting.
- Bids were reviewed for the office remodel project approved at the March meeting. T&L Construction came in at \$6803 for Labor and Materials. Mike Seigel Construction came in with a bid of \$6617. Sue made a motion to move forward with low bid, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Aumsbaugh Flooring was the only estimate submitted for the floor coverings. It was decided to have a second bid from White's Flooring before moving forward with flooring.

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- **NEW BUSINESS**

It has come to our attention that the raise voted in for the Board of Trustees in January needed to be repealed. The Trustees had voted in January to raise their compensation from \$50 to \$60 a meeting. The district's establishment needed to be before 1976 in order to receive more than \$50 a meeting. The original hearing was held in December of 1975 however the order was not signed until January 7th 1976. The Trustees' compensation will go back to \$50 a meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- The Zenith transfer panel box for station D was going to take another 6 weeks before being delivered so we went another vendor who managed to deliver a panel box in less than a week. Rider Electric will be installing it in the next couple of days.
- We started discharging this past week as we needed to get the ponds down while the Blue River still had good flow.
- Carol had some discussion with AirVac regarding the high number of callouts. There seems to be a pattern and an issue with return trips. Carol and John discussed several reasons and are working on solutions to address this problem.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn and Ruth seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary