

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
April 11, 2016

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. All board members were present. Carol Martin and Cliff Cresson were also in attendance.

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 with any of the reports. Sue made a motion to approve reports as presented, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

CUSTOMERS CONCERNS

No concerns reported this month.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid comparisons for the generators preventive maintenance were reviewed and discussed.

MacAllister quoted \$4,232; price stays the same with a three year contract. \$12,696 total for three years.

Evapar quoted same as last year \$3,955; price stays the same with a three year contract. \$11,865 total for three years.

Priscilla made a motion go with Evapar with the three year contract for the preventive maintenance, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

Rate Ordinance 2016-1 was review and discussed. Sue made a motion to move forward with the rate ordinance with the 5% rate increase. A public hearing will be held May 9th at 5:30 right after the regular scheduled meeting. Carol will make the required postings in the papers for the rate hearing.

Carol updated the board with information regarding the cleaning of the collection tank in the stations. Weed Septic Tank Service from Warsaw has the equipment and man power to clean the tanks with OSHA confined space requirements. It should take two days to do all the stations with a cost range depending on total hours between \$2,970 to \$3,470. George made a motion to move forward with the cleaning as this is something that is now affecting the vacuum capacity at the stations, Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

Carol passed out a draft of the new maintenance contract from Matt Shipman for review. Carol will get back with Matt about the needed changes after everyone has had a chance to review and comment.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The bond refinancing went through without a hitch. The account with Star Financial will now be closed out. The current bond is with Old National Bank.

The inlet piping and filter upgrade from Stations E & F are scheduled for April 18th & 19th by AirVac.

AirVac is working on a “Smart System” which will help to clear the lines in problem areas by measuring the vacuum at the end of the line and communicating with the stations. This will have the pumps run longer to make sure all the water is moved down the line through the bellies and lifts. They are using Tri-Lakes as a test pilot with this technology to see if we can improve the vacuum in problem areas.

It was brought to our attentions through a sheriff sale; the property located at 2800 Colony Ave, owned by Heather Machlan had not been billed for the past eight years. When the property changed hands eight years ago the old account was closed, however a new account was never set up for the current owner. Matt Shipman advised we could not go back or file liens for the back services only going forward could we collect. A letter has been sent out along with a current bill, since going to sheriff sale unlikely we will receive any payments until this property is sold. We can file liens for non-payments up until the sheriff sale.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Tom made a motion to adjourn and Sue seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary