

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
April 9, 2018

**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, George Schrupf, Linda Parker, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr, Tom Wise and Sue Schroeder. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

**GUEST AND CUSTOMER CONCERNS**

Amy Waters from the TLPOA send a nice note praising the Sewer District for doing such a good job of proving a service to the area.

**MINUTES & REPORTS**

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions or issues. Sue made a motion to accept the minutes and financial reports as presented, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

The final maintenance recommendation and estimate from Evapar for the generators with needed repairs. Mike Seigel will take care of most of the recommendations. The biggest item is the ATS display needing to be replace in station F. The current display could no longer be read prohibiting anything from being programed. The cost of the display panel is \$2,306.00 plus labor to install. Priscilla made a motion to make the repair, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

Carol reached out to Steve Carter for the rate studies for the new areas. Steve is now with O.W. Krohn & Associates. After some discussion, it was thought best to accept the proposed accounting services from Steve as he has the knowledge of the district. The anticipated range of the study will be \$3,500 to \$5,500. They anticipate a 45 – 60-day timeline without any unforeseen issues. George made a motion to e accept the proposal Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rate Increase 2018 – Carol presented the revised Rate Ordinance 2018-1 for review by the Trustees. This is a 5% rate increase on billing and maintenance only. It would increase the fees by \$1.23 a month. After review, George made a motion to approve rate ordinance 2018-1, Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0). It was decided the public meeting would be held at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting starting at 5:30. Carol will have the meetings posted in the papers and on the bill statements.

Service line expansion along Airport Road, Fox Run, Ormas, Chardonnay and Troy Cedar was discussed. Some areas are already within our district boundaries other are not. Since Whitley Regional Sewer District now formed, it was discussed if we could take on the areas outside Tri-Lakes Regional districts boundaries. More information would be needed should Tri-Lakes Regional wanted to expand boundaries into these areas.

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**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Pump Pulled and in for Rebuilt from the Old/New Lake lift station with Wagner Electric in Fort Wayne. Meeting with Engineering Resources about the wet well repair at Northern Heights School.

Noble County, cut into a vacuum line doing culvert repairs. They are going to lower the culver for us at Station A at no cost as a trade. The repair was miner cost to the district.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn and George seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Linda Parker, Secretary