

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
April 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Wise, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Priscilla Peters, Linda Parker, Bill Brice, and Carol Martin. Jerry Burns and Ruth Orr were absent. Cliff Creason and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Mike Seigel – Contracted Maintenance for Tri-Lakes Regional Sewer District

Jacob and Stephanie Knepple – 5926 S Woodstrail Dr – Came to listen regarding the hookup of their new home.

Adam Goss Letter to Trustees – regarding Beverly Goss property 5890 S Woodstrail Dr - Adam is power of attorney for Beverly Goss who has a new home on Woodstrail Dr. Mike had informed them the Knepple's new house would connect into the line the sewer district owns at the roadside on Woodstrail Dr. He is not okay with this and asked the Trustees to consider other options. Mike and Heather explained via a drawing the situation and the options for the sewer line to service the Knepple's home. After discussion, Bill motioned to stick with the original plan to run the sewer line for the Knepple's on west side of Woodstrail in the right a way and Y into the line the district owns in front of Beverly Goss new home and install 3 backflow valves in the 2 homes on the lakeside to help prevent a back in the event one would ever happen, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

David Steiss – 7465 N Brown Rd – Called in to ask Trustees if he rented apartment to a couple that their home burned in March 2022, while their home is being renovated from the fire. Wanted to know what rate would be. Carol motioned for David to pay an additional Operation and Maintenance fee for June services until the apartment is no longer rented out, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Carol made a motioned to approve the minutes as written, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0). Priscilla motioned to accept financial reports, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0). Carol motioned to pay Heather \$200 per pay period for accounting bonus, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed a 5% rate increase for June 1, 2022 and voted to hold a public hearing at the district office on May 9th, at 5:30 pm. Linda motioned to hold meeting and Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Station D (Colony Ave) Vacuum Pump #2 has an oil leak. This station is not able to run without all pumps in working order. AirVac quoted a new Busch RC0630 Pump at \$31,370 and assist Mike and his team with direct replacement install at \$2,250 for one day and \$2,000 each additional day. Mike would have to set beam and have pump in building. Mason Engineering also quoted the direct replacement at \$17,132. After much discussion, Carol motioned to purchase the new vacuum pump and have AirVac assist Mike on direct replacement install, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

New/Old Lift station had a pump fail. It has been deemed not repairable. Heather had the engineer look to see what replacement pump would best work for the system. GRW recommended a 5 hp pump at \$3,686 through GAI. Carol motioned to purchase a replacement pump and have Mike install it, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Matt Shipman, attorney representing the district, emailed Heather about the Subdivision Policy and connection fees being high. The Trustees asked Heather to do some research and the topic is table until another meeting.

GRW sent over their annual retainer to be signed. They asked for miscellaneous engineering to not exceed \$12,000. Carol motioned to approve the miscellaneous engineering up to \$12,000, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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GRW sent over updated estimate for the lift station on County Line Road of \$345,000 plus \$58,000 for engineering. The price did not include land acquisition, if required, The total cost of the project would be approximately \$403,000. Carol motioned for engineering to get started with the project and the not to exceed engineering of \$58,000, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Heather did not have any update on the lots on Big Lake.

Heather had Mike install counters on 4 different pits, his pit with 2 houses on Schram Dr, Matt Bunyan's house pit, Portside Pizza and Tri-Lakes Tavern in month of March, Mike's pit fired 1464 times, Matt's pit 1037, Portside 6089 times and Tavern 3958. Heather is going to have Mike do it again in July to see how it changes in the busy season. This does show the restaurants is firing more than the average pit.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather asked the Trustees to give Carol Cuney a raise. After much discussion, Bill motioned to raise her hourly wage to \$18.00/hr beginning the first pay period in May, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

With nothing more to discuss, Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by five (5) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary