

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
August 14, 2017

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

Guest

Bill Etzler with Engineering Resources.

CUSTOMER CALLS/CONCERNS

Ruth Orr receive a phone call from an anonymous call, about camping trailers set up on Lakeshore Drive at Big Lake. This caller was upset as she stated she knew the owner was dumping the waste from these trailers into our system and not paying for them. Mike Seigel didn't notice any signs this was happening while he was doing his inspections on Lakeshore. Carol has been watching these trailers as well and inquired with Noble county plan commission about the County ordinances regarding camping trailers. In Noble County, one is allowed to have a trailer set up for three days in one locations for personal use and they needed to have a current plated. Neither of these two trailers were plated and had been set up all summer and used every week-end, like a mini campground. Carol had contacted Matt Shipman to see if he could help with getting these trailers in compliance with Noble County.

George Schruppf had a discussion with Scott Wagner with the Whitley County Health Department regarding TLRS D current plans with line expansions. There are a few home close to Catfish Lake which have failing or non-existence septic systems and Scott was needing to make a decision on permits. Carol will call Scott and discuss the options with him next week.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Priscilla made a motion to accept the minutes and financial reports as presented, Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by Four (4) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Carol Martin – presented the revised Subdivision Policy from Matt Shipman, in reviewing the whole policy it was determined more revisions were needed to bring this policy up to date with the current rate ordnances and cost associated with new connections. George made a motion to table the Amended Subdivision Policy until all sections are reviewed. Tom seconded; motion carried by four (4) to zero (0).

Carol informed the board the yearly stream flow graph had not been completed to be in compliance with our permit with IDEM. She has been requesting this from Engineering Resources and had gave them the charts and graphs from past reports. She just received a letter composed on her behalf to be summited to IDEM requesting an exception of this requirement. TLRS D currently has an exception to be able to monitor downstream from where we discharge. We filled earlier this year for the permit renewal which is going into effect in September. Carol was hesitant that if we start asking for more exceptions IDEM might require us to relocate the discharge line as this has come up in past inspections. After some discussion Bill Etzler with Engineering Resources said he would check with someone internally at IDEM this next week what impact this request might have on the new permit.

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The Goose Lake lift station had shown improvement when we applying the chemical treatment from KML. These treatments were stopped when the line was repaired and Mike Seigel had completely cleaned the station with the vac truck. The algae returned in just a couple of weeks to the point that the floats were not working. KLS said they would treat and maintain this station for \$500/month. Tom made a motion to have the stations treated for six months and then reevaluate how effective it is, George seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by Four (4) to zero (0).

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Carol informed the board the filing fees for processing liens had gone up from \$23.00 to \$50.00 per lien.

The second pump at Old/New lake lift station has a seal fail now and will need to be pulled and sent in for repair.

The majority of the new home connections are now being completed with several more slated for next month.

We have started discharging again. The discharging times are getting shorter and shorter and we need to start looking into doing something with the sludge in the next few years. There are different options and Carol will start collecting information.

The chatterbox at the school has quit working and we now have two that are only partly working. and using the borrowed chatterbox from Westlake's to get buy. The simplex system currently being used in two of the stations doesn't give Mike all the information he needs for the call out and he has to physically drive to those stations to see why the station was calling out. This type of monitoring works ok for a small system but has not as well as we had hoped. Carol is going to order a new chatterbox at a cost of \$1885.50 pulse shipping as they have a 3-4-week lead time.

Carol informed the board she has went off the salary and working hourly. Her hourly wage will be \$20.00/hour.

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

Sue Schroeder, Secretary