

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
August 13, 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 Linda Parker, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr, Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder and George Schrupf. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

Others in attendance.

John Bales – 3795 W. Wolfs Retreat

Dean Sheets – 3813 W. Wolfs Retreat

Bill Etzler – Engineering Resources

Steve Carter - O.W. Krohn

**CUSTOMER CONCERNS**

John Bales, presented expenses he accrued from a broken tile caused by the district when the system was installed 20 years ago. The contractors ran the vacuum line right through the tile and it was never fixed. This cut tile was not discovered until Mr. Bales started using the tile when he built a new home 8 years ago. He since has had all kind of water issues with wet ground and had expenses trying to find the source of the problem. He finally asked for us to look into our lines. Once it was determined the sewer district was the source of the problem, the vacuum line was dug up and rerouted along with fixing the tile. Mr. Bales had \$442.50 in expenses trying to find the source of the water problem caused by the district. Tom Wise made a motion to reimburse Mr. Bales for his expenses, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0). Carol will send him a payment this week for his expenses accrued.

**MINUTES & REPORTS**

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. After review of non-routine expenses. 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**

Request for service in Magic Hills at the end of Kenny's court. The Trustees discussed options of just running lines into Magic Hills as well as the other areas. Questions came up about who would be required to connect should we run the lines for this service. Carol will discuss with Matt Shipman the options for the homeowners.

Mike Seigel has been working on the air relief valves. We are in need to replace many as they have corroded and are no longer working. Engineering Resources has been researching different cost-effective options. Mike over the years have been replacing these valves with PVP make shift valve, which works, but is not a true air relief valve. Engineering Resources will provide more information as to how many will need to be replaced.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Steve Carter, with O.W. Krohn, presented his financial report on our rate study. The cash reserves are good with the district doing the 5% rate increases each year. He suggested we continue with these increases as the system ages. We will need to look different funding should we move forward with line expansions and capital improvements.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Station A has a vacuum pump which has been tripping out. Mike has been trouble shooting it trying to rule out what might be causing it to trip. We might be looking at needing a replacement in the near future.

Carol has been notified by the SBOA they will be performing a audit for 2017. They are contracting with Crowe Account to do this audit, which she expected to heard from them soon.

Mike Seigel dug up the vacuum pit on Bair Rd to fix the leak, found the grommet into the tank had been rolled when it was installed. This would have been a source of infiltration for the past 25 years.

Carol, Ryan Egoff, Mike Seigel and representamen from KML meet at the lagoons to talk about sludge mapping for pond one. They have a product which is a bacteria base and will digests the bottom sludge from the pond. Temperature plays a roll in this process and with the cooler temperatures going into fall this is process we will look at next spring after they determined how much sludge is in the lagoon.

Carol has posted the opening for the Administrator Position in the local paper. There have been a few resumes. Sue will review and start contacting people for interviews.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, Tom made a motion to adjourn and Linda seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Linda Parker, Secretary