

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
AUGUST 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER – Board President, Dan Stauffer, called the meeting to order at 5 pm. The meeting was held in the District Office at 5240 N. Old 102, Columbia City, Indiana.

ROLL CALL – Roll call was taken and all Board members were present except for George Bruce and Sue Schroeder. Also present was Nel Mann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nel informed the Board that Sue Schroeder had reported that her injured son was doing so much better now and that he was scheduled to be home within a week for a visit. Nel also told Board members, when asked, that she had no new information on George's condition other than that he was in rehab at the Towne House Rehab Facility in Fort Wayne. A card was sent from the District.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND/OR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The only 'guest' as this meeting was our contracted Certified Operator, Ryan Egolf. Ryan was briefly introduced to the Board members. He gave Board members an update on where we are with current lagoon operations and with the efforts being made to respond to expected increases in requirements by IDEM in our next contract renewal.

MINUTES & REPORTS – Because of computer problems, none of the reports were provided to Board members for review prior to the meeting. Consequently, Nel read the minutes. Dan asked if there were any additions, deletions, corrections, or comments to them and, there being none, he asked for a motion to approve. Mike Martin made a motion to approve and Janet Moss seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Nel then went over the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and currently monthly income and expenses with the Board. David Anderson made a motion to approve the monthly financial transactions and Tom Wise seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The remaining reports (Operations and Maintenance) were briefly reviewed by those present.

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Nel informed the Board that the new pump had been received by Environmental Equipment and that the repaired pump should be ready for reinstall at the end of this week. Once the new pump arrives here, pump #1 from the Lagoon LS will be pulled and taken in for repair. The pump at the Old Lake/New Lake LS has a start and run capacitor problem in July, but it was now functioning properly. We do have a problem with the generator at that LS, however, which is being worked on by MacAllister.

- Nel provided the Board with a tentative schedule for the tasks associated with a 2012 rate increase. She asked that they decide whether to have the rate increase applied just to O&M or to billing as well (difference of 10 cents). David Anderson made a motion, Janet Moss seconded, to divide the increase of 92 cents between both operations and maintenance and billing. A vote was taken; Dan, David, Janet, and Mike all voted to accept; Tom voted against the motion. Nel will contact Umbaugh to revise the ordinance and our attorney to prepare a draft of the notice which will appear in the paper.
- There was renewed discussion on what to do with our debt-reserve fund account which is currently earning very little interest. Several financial institutions provided options. The Board asked Nel to get some more information from STAR, with whom we currently have this account, so that a firm decision can be made at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Nel requested approval for an ‘Authorization to Proceed’ to Schnelker Engineering to do IDEM/NPDES-required stream gauging work. A form was passed for Board signatures confirming their approval.

ADJOURNMENT -- There being no further business, Tom made a motion and David seconded to adjourn. Motion carried, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Susan Schroeder, Secretary