

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
February 9, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tim Brower, President, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. 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 Tom Wise, Ruth Orr, Linda Parker, Sue Schroeder and George Schrupf; Priscilla Peters was absent. Carol Martin also attended the meeting.

**MINUTES & REPORTS**

The Minutes, Operations and Maintenance Reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Tim asked for any additions, deletions or questions on any of them.

George made a motion to approve reports as presented, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

**CUSTOMER CONCERNS**

Doyle Hull sent a letter to the board of trustees about the grinder repair fees he was invoiced for. Carol explained that Mr. Hull has since been in to pay the fee, but still felt we should only bill the responsible party. We had a nice talk about possible solutions with the problems of people flushing items which plug the grinders. Carol has been talking with AirVac about possible solutions and told Mr. Hull the grinder pit which serves his home would be the test pit. He understood as long as we were working on a solution to the problem.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Matt Shipman asked for clarification on the board's intention to modify the sewer rate ordinance to clear up any questions about transferring connection hookup fees. He will work on the wording to have it ready for the March board meeting for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Outstanding checks from Steven Kerl dated 2/25/13 in the amount of \$151.29 and Nipsco dated 7/14/11 in the amount of \$34.06 were reviewed and approved to be receipted back into the books per Indiana Code.
- Renewal of the pond treatment from Aquatic Weed Control was reviewed and discussed. To better control thistles, we will ask for the ponds to be sprayed in June instead of July. Tom made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$3,100, Sue seconded. Verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).
- Linda presented information she had obtained from Edward Jones regarding simple IRS plans for the employees. After some discussion, Tim was going to contact Davis Financial Solutions to see what they might offer for 401K plans. Discussion to continue with the next meeting.

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**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

- Carol reported that Tina had all the yearly reports (100R, 2014 Annual Report & Debt Reporting) filed and submitted to the state board of accounts with no problems.
- The transfer panel box for station D is ordered and hopefully will arrive within the couple of weeks.
- Inside station maintenance is continuing with sanding and painting.
- Carol and Tina have started working on budget costs and office plans to switch the office and board room; Carol should have something to present to the board for approval at the March meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Sue made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

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Sue Schroeder, Secretary