

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
February 8, 2016

**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, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr and Linda Parker. Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder and George Schrupf; were absent. Carol Martin was also in attendance.

**GUEST**

Clint Hawn and Jon Hartsock from AirVac came to recap their proposal for the maintenance contract and answer any questions the trustees might have.

Matt Shipman – Explained what would be involved with refinancing of the current bond and how much the district could possibly save with the lower interest rate. The district would have to adopt a new bond refunding ordinance Ruth made a motion to suspend the rules to adopt the ordinance in one reading, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by four (4) to zero (0). Ruth then made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Linda; verbal vote of the motion carried by four (4) to zero (0).

Kenny Jones Jr. from JRP – also came to recap Jones Petrie Rafinski’s proposal for the maintenance contract and answer questions.

Rod Hattery with AirVac showed the trustees’ charts from the stations to show how well the system is currently running. He explained how they have been proactive instead of being reactive with maintaining the system. The system is running really well for the age of the stations and they are always trying to improve the overall performance.

**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 with any of the reports. Ruth made a motion to approve reports as presented, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by four (4) to zero (0).

**OLD BUSINESS**

AirVac had proposed expansion plans showing what the system would look like to replace the grinder pumps around Old, New and Goose Lake and picking up the town of Etna. The long term cost impact with upgrading or just replacing grinders will have to have further review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yearly contracts from Schnelker Engineering for consulting services and Ryan Egolf, our certified operator were reviewed and signed.

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**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Carol contacted Turkey Creek about renting their Vac truck to clean the tanks at the stations. The truck has been winterized and it will be March or April before this can be done.

Carol is currently getting bids for the generator's preventive maintenance; we will be looking at a one or three year contract.

We started discharging again in January with the goal to draw down the ponds as much as we can with the colder weather.

Tina and Carol both attended the Knapp Lake board meeting to submit the account payable voucher and address questions on the customer's accounts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Priscilla 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 6:25 p.m.

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Sue Schroeder, Secretary