

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
February 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Wise, President, called the meeting to order at 5:02 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, Bill Brice, Jerry Burns, Ruth Orr, and Linda Parker. Carol Martin and Heather Palan were also in attendance. *Linda via phone conference.*

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Priscilla made a motion to approve the minutes as written and financials, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The Trustees had voted via email on Cliff Creason's contract. Vote carried six (6) to zero (0) to eliminate the \$100 monthly consulting payment but continue \$50 per board meeting that Cliff attends.

The accountant, Judy, offered \$30/hr. to be consultant for issues that arise after she leaves April 1. Ruth motioned to accept the \$30 consulting fee for Judy, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

Ryan Egolf, Certified Operator is needing a new PH meter. Ryan had sent a quote over from Fisher for \$569 + freight. Priscilla motioned to buy the PH meter, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

The effluent meter at the lagoons is not marking the paper well. Mike Franke came out to look at it. He gave 3 options on what could be done. After much discussion, the trustees agreed to an ultrasonic meter with transmitter for \$2,950 installed. Ruth motioned to purchase the ultrasonic meter, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Heather Palan, Carol Martin and Tom Wise have completed their depositions for Insurance claim on Gerdes back up at the end of January via virtual appointment.

GRW Engineering sent over cost analysis for running mains to service the lots at the end of Big Lake. The vacuum line from Highpoint to Groveland would roughly cost \$190,000 and low pressure would cost roughly \$90,000 but would require other updates down the line including a lift station. The trustees will wait on response from Matt Shipman, since he is working with Angela Grable's attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather let the trustees know that December and January unemployment payments were made to John Doyle at \$391.56. Heather does not know how long payments will continue.

Carol Martin continues to come in and assist on days Judy works so that Heather can sit with Judy to obtain as much knowledge of the accounting system before Judy leaves.

With nothing more to discuss, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary