

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
June 13, 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. All board members were present. Carol Martin and Cliff Cresson were also in attendance.

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. George made a motion to approve reports as presented, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Wagner, with the Whitley County Health Department, had approached the district to see if we could provide sewer service to Miranda Holser on CR 350 E. Carol had been in contact with Schnelker Engineering and presented different options on how to get service to her home. Two different options would require obtaining easements through neighbor's properties, but less cost. The third option would be running a line down 350 which was the most costly. This also would require about four other residences along the road to hook in. After much discussion, it was decided for Carol to contact the other property owners and see if there was any interest of hooking into our system. If there was then we would proceed with the line expansion, if not, Carol would notify Scott Wagner so he could issue a septic permit for Ms. Holser.

Carol informed the trustees that we were in need of a couple grinder pumps to have on hand in the event of a grinder failure. The last two sent in were beyond repair. Carol negotiated a price with Environmental Equipment of \$1,900 each since we were going to be purchasing two other complete pit/pump packages for two new connections. The complete pit packages cost \$5,700 each. They were willing to give a price break being able to bundle. George made a motion to go forward with the purchase of the two additional pumps, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

A mid-year employee review was suggested back in October when the Knapp Lake billing was approved. In the past the employees had a review in December and any pay increases started in January. Carol suggested should the trustees decide to do anything for the employees to consider a contribution to the retirement account in lieu of a salary increase at this time. We would then be back on schedule for end of year reviews. After much discussion, Ruth made a motion to contribute \$1000 into each of our accounts, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

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ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

The accounts have been updated and cards sent out notifying customers of the \$1.12 rate increase; not a lot of feedback from customers.

Patty Burn's home on Brown Road started having in home backups after being disconnected and reconnected for remodeling work. She thought it was something she had done and waited six weeks to call only after she noticed water coming from her Candy Cane. AirVac was called out and discovered the pit had not been reconnected as originally indicated from the inspection permit; the waste water had no place to go except into her home. Carol has filed a claim with the insurance company for the damages and cleanup.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sue Schroeder, Secretary