

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
January 9th, 2017

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 George Schrupf, Priscilla Peters, Tom Wise, Linda Parker, Sue Schroeder and Ruth Orr. Others in attendance were Carol Martin, Cliff Cresson and Carol Cluney.

Guest

New hire Carol Cluney came to introduce herself to the Trustees. She will be taking over the bookkeeping position left open with Tina Lemon accepting a position with the Whitley County School Corp. Tina will continue to help on week-ends as needed.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. The end of month financial report was not completed at this time for review. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The budget was reviewed and after some discussion George made a motion to approve the budget as presented; Tom seconded and verbal motion carried by seven (7) to zero.

Engineering services from Jim Lauer was discussed. Schnelker Engineering as a company has dissolved and Mr. Lauer will be semi-retired. He will be keeping a few choice accounts and work from his home. The advantage of staying with Mr. Laure is he knows the system and has all the history and knowledge of what has been done in the past. With talk of Whitley County Regional Sewer District expanding our area there is concern that we might need a firm with more resources going forward. The Trustees asked Carol to reach out to Engineering Resources to inquire about their services before making a decision.

Aquatic Weed Control submitted a proposal to treat the riprap around the lagoons for the 2017 season. The cost of service stayed the same at \$3,100. Tom made a motion to approve the proposal; Priscilla seconded and verbal motion carried by seven (7) to zero.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Matt Shipman reported earlier in the day he felt that Patty Burns' claim for damages was close to being settled. If not resolved by the end of the week it will go to court to be settled.

Our operator for the lagoons is operating the lagoons differently for the next few months by only filling one cell at a time before filling the next. This will give us an idea on how much time we have to work on either cell before we need to discharge.

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Whitley County Regional Sewer District contacted us about our boundaries and service area. They are looking at what make sense to help with services to the difference communities.

We had a vacuum pit damaged by an excavator working on a new home at Loon Lake. They started clearing the lot before the locates were complete believing it was a vacant lot. The top chamber needs replace and maybe more depending on what they find when it's repaired. Bob Buescher Homes will be responsible for cost of the repair.

IDEM report came back good. Our permit is due this year and will need to be filed soon,

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, George 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 6:10 p.m.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary