

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
January 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Sue Schroeder, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 5 PM as Tim Brower was out of town. 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, Linda Parker, Priscilla Peters, Sue Schroeder and George Schrupf; Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance. Ruth Orr and Tim Brower were absent.

GUEST

Troy Bickley along with a representative from Petroleum Systems presented their proposal for the operation and maintenance to the trustees. The proposal was read through and discussed. Mike Siegel also presented his proposal for the operation and maintenance of the district. After both presentations, it was decided to hold a special meeting to review and compare the four proposals for the upcoming contract. The special meeting will be on January 21st at 5:00. Carol will have the special meeting posted in the newspaper.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes, Operations and Maintenance Reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Sue asked for any additions, deletions or questions on any of them. Tom made a motion to approve reports as presented, Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by five (5) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Aquatic Weed Control – presented a bid for the spraying weeds around the three lagoons. They held the cost to the same as the previous year, \$3,100. Priscilla made a motion to approve Aquatic Weed Control bid. Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by five (5) to zero (0).

The tanks in the stations are getting to the point they are going to need to be cleaned of all the rock and excess sludge. This is something that needs done from time to time as the tanks are not holding their vacuum for long periods of time indicating they are getting full. Carol will look into the cost of the vacuum truck and labor to have these tanks cleaned.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

We had an emergency repair on a panel box on CR 700 N from Rider Electric. Apparently a vehicle had ran off the road and struck the box, taking out the electric to the grinder station. It went unnoticed until the homeowner started having trouble with gurgling inside their home.

The vacuum pump at Station D was pulled and rebuild by AirVac, it took several weeks for it to be returned and back into operation. Rod Hattery managed to keep Station D from becoming water logged with just the two pumps with the recent heavy rains; under normal conditions the Station can run on two pumps. We will need to take a serious look at this station, we might consider adding another vacuum pump or replacing with larger pumps.

Mark Jones from AirVac had visited the area and is preparing a plan for line expansion to the Etna Area along with replacing the grinder stations around Old/New and Goose Lakes. The grinders and panel boxes have a life expectancy of about 15 years. We will need to look at long term cost impact with upgrading or just replacing grinders.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES CONTINUED

There was a line break at Goose Lake on Hill Drive. The line had been leaking for a long time and had finally made its way to the top. Once dug up, it appeared that the manufactured splice in the line had failed; a line repair kit was used to make the repair. The contaminated soil was removed out to our ponds and new fill was placed over the top. Lime was placed on the homeowner's property where the excess runoff had occurred. A report to IDEM was filed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sue Schroeder, Secretary