

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
January 13, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Tim Brower, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. 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 Tim Brower, Dick Eckert, George Schrupf, Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder, Priscilla Peters and Ruth Orr. Also present were Cliff Creason and Carol Martin.

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 on any of them. Sue made a motion to approve Minutes as presented, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Carol presented to the board the costs from AirVac to replace the sewer pump in Station D (Colony) of \$19,671.29 and \$1,638 for the chart recorder for station C (Fry Road). AirVac has added a water filter to keep the seal from failing and give the pump some extra time on the sewer pump. The District replaced another sewer pump one a year ago for \$20,035. The chart recorder records the vacuum hold times on a seven day cycle and this model is no longer available. Sue made a motion to get other comparative cost from a different vendor, Ruth seconded – the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The capital improvement committee met this past week with Jim Lauer from Schnelker Engineering to take a hard look at upcoming needs for the next five years. George reviewed with the trustees the items that will be needed in the upcoming years along with the budget needed for these items. Carol will pass the list along to Steve Cater for the upcoming rate study.

The annual contract for Schnelker Engineering (Jim Lauer) was presented to the trustees for renewal. This agreement is the same as in previous years as well as the annual fee of \$2,000.00.

Carol presented the design for the district's sign out front. The wind storm last month took part of it down as it was getting old and rotting. Gary Martin gave a bid of \$900 for a two sided sign installed. The board decided to have Tri Lakes Regional Sewer District displayed on the new sign. Tim made a motion to proceed with the sign, Tom seconded – the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

UPDATE

Carol informed the Board of the following:

- ◆ The new influent flow meter has been installed by Franke Environmental Systems and will need some time to be adjusted for proper readings.
- ◆ The lift station at Old/New lake has a broken pipe which had to have a temporary repair patch installed. This should get the station by until the new pipe can be ordered and the weather brakes for the station to be repaired. The panel box also is in great need of replacement as much of the wiring has corroded away. Environmental Equipment gave a cost of \$2,762.00 to replace the panel box. Rider Electric will install with a cost not to exceed \$800.00. George made a motion to purchase the panel box, Dick seconded – the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Tom made a motion to adjourn and Sue seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary