

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
July 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Parker, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Tom Wise, Ruth Orr, Bill Brice, and Jerry Burns. Tim Brower was absent. Carol Martin, Cliff Creason and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Helen Braden – 5194 S Union St. – On June 30, Helen had called the office and approached maintenance about a service dog (a German shepherd) dying from falling in the hole at Big Lake Station and trucks speeding on her road. Heather had called the Sheriff's department out to discuss options. The district could file for dog not on a leash and/or trespassing. Heather did not file either one. The Sheriff went down to talk to Helen and she has not contacted the office since.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. And the Trustees approved. Tom motioned to approve the minutes as written and Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0). Ruth motioned to accept financials and Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

There is a possibility of a new housing development along 109. Heather had the district engineers, GRW, get some preliminary numbers for cost of infrastructure. Vacuum system came in at \$390,000 and Low-Pressure system came in at \$340,000. The engineer was looking at a split system and part being on low pressure and part on vacuum. Heather will have to get updated numbers for this development as the original was for the entire project. The trustees asked Heather to get with engineer to remove laterals that were included as these are not part of the main infrastructure. Heather and/or Carol Martin will meet with developers on cost and get their decision on proceeding.

The Generator at station D is down due to needing a water pump. Heather received a quote from Evapar to repair at \$1,767.29. Ruth motioned to accept the quote and get the generator repaired and Priscilla seconded it; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0). Heather let the trustees know that it is hard getting parts in a timely manner for the generators in the district. It was suggested to have a spare thermostat and water pump on the shelf as these are the hardest to get and what we need most often. Priscilla motioned to get a spare thermostat and water pump for the shelf and Tom seconded it; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

No update on suit filed between insurance companies regarding Gerdes backup.

No news on land next to school.

Heather had talked to a few districts and reached out Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) to see if anyone else carried pollution insurance. None of the districts After much discussion, it was decided to not to accept the pollution insurance proposal.

Ryan Egolf and Mike Seigel did the annual sludge judge at the treatment ponds. The results came back that we have significantly less sludge in past years. Ryan said that no other treatment is needed at this time. The sludge will continue to be monitored annually.

Heather let the trustees know that the leak at Big Lake station had been repaired. Heather provided pictures of the new elbow that had been installed on the force main leaving the station. It was also found that the shut off valve at the station was not operating and needed replaced to repair the elbow. It was replaced. G&G Excavating had done the work for the repair since it required machinery that Mike Seigel did not have.

The paperwork will be turned into IDEM for the area Noble County granted after June minutes are turned in.

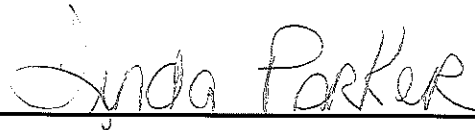
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Northland Estates permit has been turned into IDEM, but we have not heard back yet.
No new news on Lots on backside of Big Lake.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather informed the Trustees that we are continuing to have issues getting our mail during business hours and employees are coming back in the evenings to get mail and bring in the office to be locked up. Heather will order a locking mailbox to be placed at the road and cemented into the ground.

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 5:58 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Parker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Linda Parker, Secretary