

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
March 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Sue Schroeder, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 5 PM as President Tim Brower was absent. 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, Ruth Orr, Linda Parker, Sue Schroeder, George Schrupf and Priscilla Peters; Tim Brower was absent. Carol Martin also attended the meeting.

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.

Priscilla made a motion to approve reports as presented, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

CUSTOMER CONCERNS

No concerns or comments for the Trustees this past month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Carol shared information about 457 Retirement plans vs. simple IRA's that she had received from Davis Financial. Carol is waiting on Edward Jones to see what they might be able to offer. Information will be e-mailed to the board before the next meeting so a vote might be made to proceed with one of these plans for the employee's retirement plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Quotes from MacAllister & Evapar were reviewed for the preventive maintenance on the generators for 2015. MacAllister quoted \$4,518.00; Evapar quoted \$3,955.00 for the maintenance contact. George made a motion to sign with Evapar, Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).
- After much discussion on the current sewer rates, it was decided to move forward with a 5% proposed rate increase (O&M \$0.95 + Billing \$0.12 = \$1.07). The trustees also established the time table for the proposed rate increase as well. Carol will have the 2015 Sewer Rate Ordinance ready for review at the April meeting.
- Proposed office plans were presented to the trustees for approval to move forward with remodeling the office and conference area. After some discussion George made a motion to move forward with the plans, Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- The Zenith transfer panel box for station D was going to take another 6 weeks before being delivered so we went another vendor who managed to deliver a panel box in less than a week. Rider Electric will be installing it in the next couple of days.
- Jim Grant has contacted the Sewer District about supplying sanitary sewer service for a 10 lot sub-division located at Crooked Lake. Jim Lauer is reviewing the capacity at Station A for the sewer line expansion.
- Carol had a meeting with Clint Hawn from AirVac to discuss the maintenance contract after 2016. AirVac will put together a proposal within the next few months. If the board decides not to continue with AirVac after June 2016, we will still have time to plan and train someone for the maintenance.

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. Sue adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary