

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
March 12, 2018

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, Linda Parker, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr and Tom Wise. Sue Schroeder was absent. Carol Martin was also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMER CONCERNS

Nina Rodeockers – Sitting in to observe.

Lori Shipman – Invited guest to discuss funding options.

Lori Shipman, explained some of the requirements to receive grants. With the economics class of home owners in this area we probably would not qualify for any grants. We could go through USDA for loan with good interest rates to finances our line expansion. We would be required to have a wages & labor officer, which Lori is qualified, to cover the Fair Labor Standards. The next step would be for us to have a rate study done for the areas we are looking to expand into. Carol will contact Steve Cater to start that process.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions or issues. George made a motion to accept the minutes and financial reports as presented, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to Zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Carol presented a timetable for a rate increase for 2018, should the board decide to move forward any type of increase. After some discussion Ruth made motion to proceed with a 5% rate increase for 2018, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to Zero (0).

Carol will have the proposed rate ordinance 2018-1 ready to be reviewed by the Trustees for the April meeting.

Engineering Resources presented a proposal to rehab the wet well lift station at Northern Heights School. The sewer gases have corroded the panel box and the concrete walls. The previous coating is not holding up and this station is in very bad shape. The proposed cost to revamp is \$45,000 and looking to have this work completed while the school is out on summer break. It was discussed of putting in a completely new wet well so we would have the options for rerouting the flow as needed. Tom made the motion to move forward with the construction of a new wet well and rehabbing to the existing structure, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to Zero (0). Carol will schedule a meeting with Engineer Resources to work on the details and time table.

OLD BUSINESS

The line expansions into Northern Heights, Magic Hill and Fox Run was along with the four lots on the back side of Big Lake are still on the agenda as old business but were not discussed at this meeting.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The yearly preventive maintenance for the generators was performed by Evapar. There were a few items that needed to be address. Carol is waiting to receive the reports.

The pump at the school was pulled for the seal fail and is being rebuilt at Wagner Electric in Fort Wayne. The cost of the rebuilt is comparable to Environmental Equipment, but the turn around time should be considerably shorter.

We had a small grinder station control box hit by a vehicle. The box wasn't badly damaged but required a new post.

We had some major issues with the stations after all the rains. We had all of Stalf Rd and the Island off of Stalf down with so much infiltrations of water. We had houses that were left off until the lakes went backdown.

We stopped discharging as the numbers were starting to get high with the suspended solids.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn and George seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Linda Parker, Secretary