

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
March 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Wise, President, 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, Jerry Burns, Ruth Orr, and Linda Parker, Bill Brice, and Carol Martin. Cliff Creason and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

No guests or customers directed to trustees.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Priscilla made a motioned to approve the minutes as written, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0). Carol motioned to accept financial reports, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0). Linda motioned to pay Heather \$200 per pay period for accounting bonus, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed a 5% rate increase for June 1, 2022, Ruth motioned to move forward with the rate increase, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

New stainless-steel filters are needed for Big Lake, Loon Lake, Tri-Lakes, and Spear Rd Stations. Heather presented a quote for all filters at \$1,844.02 from AirVac. Carol motioned to purchase the new filters; Jerry seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

The buffer tank on county line road by Loon Lake station has not been running smoothly for a few months. Mike had put brand new valve, controller, parts, etc. in the buffer tank and it has been running better. He asked to be able to have a spare sent of new parts for the buffer tank. These would be designated just for the buffer tank to help control what is going on in it. AirVac quoted the parts at \$3,130. Carol motioned to purchase the parts for the buffer tank, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried (7) to zero (0).

AirVac has a trade in program for AC controllers to HP controllers. After looking at the options, the Trustees decided to trade in 26 AC controllers at \$328 each. Carol motioned to trade in the 26 controllers, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

The generator at New/Old lift station had mice chew through several wires. The quote for the repairs from Evapar came in at \$5,441.42 for the repairs and labor. The generator is currently not operable. Carol motioned to have Evapar make the necessary repairs, Jerry seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried sever (7) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Capacity Ordinances were mailed to restaurants (Portside Pizza, Tri-Lakes Restaurant and Hilltop Tavern) Letting them know the Trustees change to the rate ordinance up coming.

Heather did not have any update on the lots on Big Lake.

The discharge permit has been finalized and renewed through IDEM. The new permit is valid until 2027.

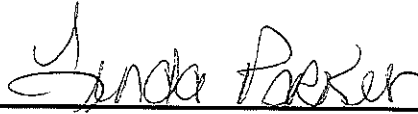
ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather let the Trustees know Carol Cuney plans to retire at the end of 2023.

Heather let the Trustees know that AirVac is coming out to do testing on the new Cornell pump at Loon lake that is not pumping efficiently to see what needs to be done. Also, vacuum pump #2 at Station D (Tri-Lakes) is leaking oil. The building is not able to run without all 3 pumps. Heather has Dennis from Mason Engineering and Construction coming on Thursday to look at the pump and make recommendations. The Trustees asked Heather to email them with updates regarding the pumps.

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With nothing more to discuss, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary