

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
May 11, 2015

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 Tim Brower, Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder, George Schrupf, Linda Parker and Priscilla Peters; Ruth Orr was absent. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason also attended the meeting.

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.

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

CUSTOMER CONCERNS

Ray Stover had contacted George Schrupf regarding backups into his home. Mr. Stover had problems in the past and was notified at that time he had an illegal drain in the garage. Mr. Stover came over and also talked with Carol; she put him in touch with Mike Seigel to have a camera ran through his lateral line to see if the back flow valve was in place and working. There are no issues with the district at this time as it is an in home problem.

OLD BUSINESS

Carol informed the board they will need to make a decision on contributions to the 401(A) plan. Tina and Carol will decide on their contribution to the 457(b) plan when they talk with the plan administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

Barry Nelson, from Northern Heights School, submitted a three month water usage report from the meter the school uses for their filters. He was hoping to use these averages for the calculation in determining the school's sewer rate. After much discussion Tom made a motion to keep the rate calculation as it is since we do not provide water meters to calculate actual water usage; Linda seconded. The motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Since there is no summer school the rates will be adjusted to week-end rates.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Lift station H (Goose Lake) rehab with Curly Contracting is scheduled for Wednesday. They will also be fixing the leak at the Station G for Terra Contracting.

The bid from Whites flooring for the office remodel came in higher, so we will be going with Aumsbaugh's flooring bid.

Inspection and preventive maintenance on all the generators has been performed by Evapar this past month. There were no big issues found during their inspection.

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TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT

Since it was not yet 5:30, the time scheduled to hear public comment on the proposed rate increase of 5%; the meeting was suspended at this point until 5:30.

RE-CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Tim Brower, called the public hearing to order at 5:30 pm. This hearing was held for public comments on the board's proposed and approved 5% rate increase, to be effective 6/1/2015. There were no guests present.

With no guests present to comment, the meeting was closed to further comment.

Tim then requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2015-1. George made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Tom. Verbal vote of each board member to approve the ordinance was made.

Rate Ordinance 2015-1 passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

Priscilla Peters – Yes

Tom Wise – Yes

Linda Parker –Yes

George Schrupf – Yes

Tim Brower –Yes

Sue Schroeder –Yes

Ruth Orr – Absent

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 5:40 p.m.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary