

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
May 9, 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, Bill Brice, Carol Martin, Jerry Burns and Ruth Orr. Linda Parker was absent. Cliff Creason and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Brett McDonald – 5195 N Lake Dr – his pit is at the end of the sewer line. The gravel surrounding the pipe underground causes a river underground. The water then reaches the pit and causes it to come up around the pit and his yard is constantly wet. After much discussion, Carol motioned to have Mike Seigel install drainage to the ditch that is approximately 150 feet away and for Brett to pay for half of the costs to install the drainage, which he agreed, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

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, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0). Ruth motioned to accept financial reports, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0). Priscilla motioned to pay Heather \$200 per pay period for accounting bonus, Carol Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

When the new vacuum pump arrives for station D (Colony Ave) they existing pump is needing to be rebuilt. Heather reached out and found two companies that could do it, Mason Engineering and Construction and KM (Straeffer where we currently send grinder pumps). Mason Engineering and Construction came in at \$28,277, KM said they would have to look at the pump then give us a quote for rebuild. After much discussion, Carol motioned to send the pump to KM through Straeffer to get price for rebuild, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

A handful of customers pay their own electricity for their grinder if they are the only home in a scattered area. Currently, the district gives those customers a \$2 discount on their monthly bill. After much discussion, Bill motioned to raise this discount to \$5 monthly effective June 2022 service, Jerry seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT

To start the public hearing for the proposed rate increase of 5%. Which amounts to \$1.50.

RATE HEARING MEETING CALL TO ORDER

This hearing was held for public comments on the board's proposed and approved 5% rate increase, to be effective 6/1/2022.

There were no one in attendance for comments on rate increase. Tom requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2022-1. Priscilla made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Carol. Verbal vote of each board member to approve the ordinance was made.

Priscilla Peters – Yes, Tom Wise – Yes, Carol Martin –Yes, Jerry Burns –Yes, Ruth Orr –Yes, Bill Brice - Yes.

Rate Ordinance 2022-1 passed by a vote of Six (6) to zero (0).

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Ruth motioned to close the rate hearing meeting and Priscilla Seconded it; verbal vote carried six (6) to zero (0). Tom then closed this portion of the meeting at 5:36 pm and the regular meeting resumed.

OLD BUSINESS

Heather had kickoff meeting with GRW engineering for the County Line Lift Station. They are going to finalize how much space is needed for the site and a recommendation for site selection by June 1, 2022. The Trustees will then meet to discuss next steps.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

With nothing more to discuss, Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary