

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
October 14, 2016

**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 Schruppf, Priscilla Peters, Tom Wise, Linda Parker and Sue Schroeder; Ruth Orr was absent. Carol Martin and Matt Shipman were also in attendance.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Carol has reported receiving quite a few resumes for the billing clerk position. Sue indicated she would participate with the interviewing when some dates are set. At the moment Tina is working on Saturdays with Carol along with Carol working longer hours through the week until we get the position is filled. The job description and pay will be reflected on the background and experience of the new hire.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Counsel Shipman has been approached by AirVac about working out some kind of settlement with Patty Burns to keep her claim out of court. The board recognized the need to try to settle so the Burns can move forward and make the repairs to their home. AirVac has proposed trying to come to some kind of settlement and avoid the legal fees for parties involved. AirVac is offering Tri-Lakes a \$13,000 - \$15,000 in credits towards items for the system with the thought the district would contribute some towards and settlement. After much discussion George made a motion for the district to contribute \$2000 towards the settlement offer. Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). The district will have to pay the full amount of the settlement and then use the credit from AirVac for items needed to recoup AirVac contribution towards the settlement. The trustee authorized Counsel Shipman to present an offer to settle the claim.

KLM Chemical Specialties, presented a quote to treat the lift stations. There has been quite an increase of film & grease build up within the lift stations. Over the last 20 years since the system was designed, everyone has gone to water saving toilets, shower heads, washing machine etc. There isn't as much water going into the system to keep the wet wells flushed out. Also the new soaps for these products have a different surfactant which creates more of these film issues. They are offering to provide the pump to dispense the chemical for a trial; we will need to purchase the chemical. Should we decide we like the improvements and clean-up of the lift stations with this product, we would need to buy the dispensing pump in the future. They will put the pump and chemical in Station G at Goose Lake with the thought in time the product will eventually work its way through the entire system. George made a motion to move forward with the lift stations treatments, Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

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**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Simplex system has been installed replacing the chatterboxes in Station D and Station F. It's a lot different in the way it monitors the stations. The stations can now be access by their smart phones. There will have to be a bit of adjustments after we use it a few months.

The lagoons are getting quite low. Ryan wanted to shut off one of the ponds and let it start filling up while drawing down the third pond as low as possible to assess the sentiment if possible. Mike Seigel had to dig up one of the control valves which was froze. He had to wait for the crops to come out of the field before he could get to that one.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Sue made a motion to adjourn and Linda seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Sue Schroeder, Secretary