

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
November 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 Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr and Linda Parker. George Schrupf was absent. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

CUSTOMER CONCERNS

John Meister, on Woodstrail, Crooked Lake, complimented the Trustees on the great service Mike Seigel and the district provides to the customers. He also invited any of the trustees to the Whitley water maters meeting at the Baptist Church. Lana Beregszazi with Whitley County Regional Sewer District was going to be the guest speaker.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. There were no question or corrections. Sue made a motion to accept the minutes and financial reports as presented, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by Six (6) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The proposed budget for 2019 was reviewed and discussed. Several project/repairs need to addressed this upcoming year.

- Station A & B - New Roofs - Going on 25 years,
- Station A - Pump Replacement
- Holding tanks - stations E & F - Needed sandblasted and coated
- Lift Stations - School and Old/New - need repaired
- Parking Lots at will need sealed
- Sidewalk Repairs at Office
- Computers for office - Going on 8 years,
- Magic Hills Line Expansion

The Trustees approved a budget of \$941,638 for expenses and a know revenue of \$843,964. The difference of \$97,674 will come from savings. Tom made the motion to approve proposed budget for 2019, Priscilla seconded. Motion carried by Six (6) to zero (0).

The large collection storage tanks in stations E and F have been found to have a lot of corrosion on the outside during normal maintenance. They are going to need to be sandblasted and recoated. There are showing large areas of deep pitting in the tanks. These are tanks that came from Airvac when phase II went on line. They are not holding up compared to the tanks which are 10 years older that came from Columbia City.

OLD BUSINESS

Engineering Resources are still working on the master plan and should have something to present at the December meeting.

Carol has not had any anyone get back to her yet on the lift stations repairs. This will most likely become a spring project.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Carol Cuney, John Doyle and Carol Martin attended the Alliance Fall Conference in Fort Wayne and the software training from Boyce Systems in Wabash this past month. It's a great opportunity to network with vendors and other utility districts.

The 2017 audit is still on going. It's been very time consuming for the office as everything the accounting firm is requiring has to be taken apart, scanned into the email, downloaded and then uploaded to the accounting firm's portal. It's taking a good chunk of the day while this is on going to get them all the documents they are requiring for the audit.

Carol meet with a representative with Nusystems about mapping the lagoon sludge and treatments. They have a lagoon maintenance and restoration program. They use biological science to reduce the sludge and odors associated with lagoons.

There was a vacuum line punctured by Century Links subcontractor doing the boring. Mike Seigel has dug it up and repaired the line. Carol has been in contact with Century Link to file a claim for the repairs.

The Generator at station D has been having some issues on the weekly start up test. Evapar has been out and ordering a control panel that is failing. The generator will run if manually started.

The dredging in Karen Cove never got started as planned. The weather has been a factor with being too wet to get into the field where they planned on dumping sludge. They are still hoping to complete the project this year.

Carol has received a few more resumes and will be setting up interview in the next few weeks.

With nothing more to discuss, Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by Six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Linda Parker, Secretary