

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
October 10, 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 Schrupf, Priscilla Peters, Tom Wise, Linda Parker, Sue Schroeder and Ruth Orr. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

Other Guest

William Etzler – Engineering Resources - Just visiting.

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, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) – States “After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that:

- (1) The internal control standards and procedures developed under subsection (e) are adopted by the political subdivision; and
- (2) Personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures adopted by the political subdivision.”

The trustee reviewed the power point presentation developed by the State board of Accounts. Carol explained several procedures and practices already in place for the district. Internal control ordinance 2016-0 was introduced after the training was complete. Priscilla made a motion to adopt said ordinance; Sue seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

Goss grocery store parcel were reviewed. Adam and Bev Goss had been in to explore their options with the vacant sewer connections left over after all their rental trailers were removed. They currently have seven extra connections on the same parcel which they are paying vacant lot fees on. They will have to continue paying on these connections until the bond is paid off in 2027. At that time they will have seven paid up sewer connections.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Simplex is scheduled to replace the chatterboxes in Station D and Station F, tomorrow. The district will use the Simplex system in these two stations to see how well it works for our callouts before converting other stations. The equipment is less costly then the chatterboxes and will allowed us to remove the phone lines for these two locations as this will be cellular based. The district will have a little over \$720/year savings for these two stations by not having the phone lines.

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Updates Continued

The lagoons are going down and we should be able to discharge for another couple of months. Ryan Egoff, would like to get them as low as possible before they freeze over. Carol explained that our permit is due for renewal next year and IDEM is making a lot of changes with their ammonia & nitrogen levels. We are going to need to start planning for some different design improvements to meet the new requirements.

Carol received notice from counsel that the district is being sued by Patty Burns for backup damages to her home. This backup was from Airvac leaving the pit disconnected after her home was reconnected from remodeling. Counsel will now file suit against Airvac.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Tom made a motion to adjourn and George seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Tim adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Sue Schroeder, Secretary