

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
October 12, 2020

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, and Jerry Burns, Ruth Orr, and Linda Parker. Cliff Creason, Carol Martin and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Judy Griest -1146 E Kenny's Ct – Received invoice for multiple callouts within a year on a grinder for \$50 which was half since they share a grinder with neighbor. She asked the Trustees to waive their invoice since they had never had a callout in 10+ years until the neighbors hooked up to their grinder. After much discussion, Priscilla motioned to waive the fee, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and Jerry Burns abstained due to knowing Judy Griest.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. And the Trustees approved. Priscilla motioned to approve the minutes as written and Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0). Ruth motioned to accept financials and Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (6) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The amendment to the Hoosier Start Retirement agreement was rejected due to needing a measurable time frame. Heather updated the amendment to say the district shall prorate by 8.334% for each completed month of the employer contribution. Ruth motioned to accept the amendment as written, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

The sewer camera has started to be unreliable and has a short in it. It is about 20 years old. It was in the budget for 2020, Heather received a quote from BEC for a CUE sewer camera that the maintenance crew had demoed and a new locator. The total for the demo camera and locator was \$9,100 with full warranty from the manufacturer. Priscilla motioned to purchase the demo camera and locator, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

A grinder pump was sent to Straeffler Pump and Supply for repair. The repair quote came in more than a new pump. Heather asked the Trustees to replace the pump with a new one to keep the inventory up. Ruth motioned to buy a new grinder pump to replace the one that is not repairable, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

The drive to the lagoons has gotten several large potholes, ruts, etc. in it and needs repair. Salesman and Trucking submitted a quote to grade, use dura berm and regrade for \$3,546.66. Linda motioned to have Salesman and Sons repair the drive, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

Heather let the Trustees know that the yard at the Loon Lake station had been driven through and doughnuts were done by either a side-by-side or four-wheeler. Heather filed a report with the Sheriff's Dept and spoke with the DNR. The yard will be repaired by the mowing crew.

The accountant had prepared a couple options for the budget for the Trustees to review since Heather will be on maternity leave next month. After much discussion the trustees agreed on several numbers and Heather will have accountant update for approval at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Development on 109 has no new news.

Gerdes back up trial has been set for September 2021. Heather is working with attorneys on questions as needed.

Northland Estates road Conrad Court will be bored in this week.

No new news on Lots on backside of Big Lake.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather let the Trustees know that Judy, the accountant had turned in her resignation for April 1, 2021. Judy is hoping we can find someone for her to train before she leaves.

Heather also discussed with the Trustees the flow of the office and how things have been running over the last couple months.

With nothing more to discuss, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Linda Parker, Secretary