

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
September 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Brower, President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Linda Parker, Tom Wise, Sue Schroeder, and Ruth Orr. George Schrupf was absent. Heather Palan, and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

None in attendance

MINUTES & REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Investors have gotten bids for the property just north of Northern Heights Elementary School. They are projecting 81 homes to go in there. Trustees would like Heather to talk to our engineers on a cost to run from the new subdivision up to 600 N and across over to 9 and either intersect with the force main coming down state road 9 or vacuum on Bair Rd.

Capital Asset Policy was revised with clear dollar amounts for each category, Sue motioned to approve the policy and Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

Lateral Specifications were revised for paragraph 12 to say "A schedule 40 'back-flow' check valve must be installed at the structure. The district will not be responsible for any damages incurred due to the check valve failing. Ruth motioned to approve the policy and Linda seconded; verbal vote of motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

KML is treating the ponds to reduce our sludge from the testing our Certified Operator (Ryan Egolf) had done in June. With advice from our operator and KML, we did an initial treatment on August 9 and then our maintenance guys are adding 1 bag a day (per KML instruction) for 3 months. Since we needed this done before the weather turns cooler, Tim Brower (President) had signed off on it.

During large rains we have found (or from customer calls) more and more sump pumps hooked to the sewer system. Mike Seigel located 2 (2044 E Fox Drive and 3650 W Fruchey Drive). Mike did speak with both homeowners but was asked to leave the property on Fox Drive. The office sent the correspondence that this is against our Sewer Use Ordinance and both were rectified. Matt Shipman suggests we implement a plan that if homeowners hook back up that we increase our fine. After discussion, it was decided we will look at that at another meeting.

A new home is going to be built at 5994 Etna Rd and we need to move an existing grinder pump and cross a ditch to service the new home to the existing pit. Heather petitioned Whitley county to allow us to go under the ditch at their allowed variance.

A new home is going in on Crampton Rd and the District will need an easement. After speaking to the homeowner at 2095 E Crampton (Rudd), He will grant us easement if he can hook his garage up that is next to where the new home is being built and for us to pay for his lateral from the side of the road to where his stub is coming out of his garage foundation. Ruth motioned to give him access to the line with a signed garage specification, but we will not pay for his lateral to be run, Linda seconded; verbal vote of motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

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OLD BUSINESS

Gerdes' are working with their insurance to get things rolling on repairing home. We are working with our insurance, engineers and attorneys and all others that attended the meeting on August 21 for inspection of the broken part and grinder pit. Heather has heard very little regarding results, just asking for additional pictures and reports we have on file.

Hilty Roofing is scheduled to do the roofs at stations A and B scheduled for later in week of Sept 9.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

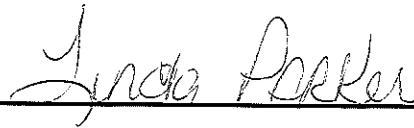
The district has had clips missing at a couple pits on Loon Lake (Buckles and Arnold roads) It appears the pits have been tampered with. Homeowners on the pits were sent letters to keep an eye out and to call if they see anyone getting in the pits.

Mike has had to pull a pump at the school and goose lake for seal leaks and they are at Wagner Electric for repair.

On a maintenance call, we have found a crack in a grinder pit between the houses located at 4322 and 4340 W Groveland, Mike and Steve will look into repairing this and Engineering Resources have been notified.

The county paving project around the lakes is nearing completion, we have several D valves that risers have been put on.

With nothing more to discuss, Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary