

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
May 14th, 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 Linda Parker, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr, Tom Wise and Sue Schroeder; George Schrupf was absent. Carol Martin and Cliff Creason were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMER CONCERNS

James Pierce on Union Street, Big Lake, had made several calls to the district complaining about the maintenance personnel speeding going to station E. This a 10 MPH road and he said that everyone speeds going down the road. Carol has talked with Mike Seigel and his crew about the speed.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. After review of non-routine expenses. 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

Derick Frederickson, with Engineering Resources, presented the final plans for the repairs of the lift station at Northern Heights School. They will send out inventions to bid this next week. He then went on to explained the need for the district to develop a master plan. This will identify potential areas for growth and help determined where capital improvements are needed. After some discussion Sue made a motion to move forward to have a master plan implemented by Engineering Resources, Ruth seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Carol has contacted Steve Carter, with O.W. Krohn for the rate studies and sent him financials statement from the past few years. Steve anticipated it would take him 45-60 days to complete the study and have his report for the board.

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TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was suspended until 5:30 to start the public hearing for the proposed rate increase of 5%. Which amounts to \$1.23.

RATE HEARING MEETING CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30

This hearing was held for public comments on the board's proposed and approved 5% rate increase, to be effective 6/1/2018.

There were no customers in attendance for the rate hearing.

Being there were no comments, Tim requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2018-1. Tom made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Ruth. Verbal vote of each board member to approve the ordinance was made.

Priscilla Peters – Yes, Tom Wise – Yes, Linda Parker –Yes, Tim Brower –Yes, Sue Schroeder –Yes, Ruth Orr – Yes , George Schrupf - absent.

Rate Ordinance 2018-1 passed by a vote of Six (6) to zero (0).

Tim then closed this portion of the meeting and the regular meeting resumed.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

John Doyle under contract with People Link, became a full-time employee on 5/14/18. His base pay will be \$17.00/hour.

The effluent and affluent flow meters had their yearly calibrations completed by Franke Environmental Systems.

The riser extension rings have been added to the targeted collection pits.

We started discharging the lagoons and will go as long as the stream allows and the numbers are good.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, Priscilla 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 5:55 p.m.

Linda Parker, Secretary