

**n MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
TURKEY CREEK REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District met in the Office of the said District, 4852 North 1200 West, Cromwell, Indiana, on the 17<sup>TH</sup> of August 2020. Such meeting pursuant to annual notice in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees and I.C. 5-14-1.5.

President Boone read the following: Public comments or questions will be addressed during the "General Public Business" section of tonight's agenda. Therefore if anyone has a comment to present which has not already been presented, or a question to ask which has not previously been asked please do so when acknowledged by the Board. State your name and you will be allowed 2 minutes for your comment or discussion of you question.

President Boone called for the roll of members of the Board shown to be present or absent is as follows:

PRESENT

James Boone

James Young

Dan Mikolajczak

Donald DeWitt

Keith Ort (7:15)

ABSENT

Robert Dumford

Also present were Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry, Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly, Timothy Woodward-District Superintendent, Andrew Boxberger of Carson LLP, Chelsea Los of The Paper, Jane Bauer, Assistant Office Manager, Alisa Martin, Billing Clerk, Steve Yoder, District Employee and Pam Johns-Office Manager. There were also three individuals from the public in attendance.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the July 20, 2020 regular meeting. Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

After reviewing the claims (including explanation of the WW Williams generator repair invoices) Trustee Young made the motion to pay claim #'s 2111-16 from the Water Fund plus claim #'s 2080-2110, 2117 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2183-85 from the Water Fund and check #'s 17516-24, 17532-40, 2062-63 other and 2068EFT from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeWitt and carried. Tim reviewed the drought information received from IDEM (currently stage three) and will keep the Board updated of any changes at the plant or if notices have to be sent out to customers (stage four). He reported that a small leak in a booster pump at the water plant was repaired. He has all four clarifiers operational and the new RAS pumps are all working. He reported that there are two more flushing dates scheduled (Sept and Oct). Tim has discovered an underground fault in pump # 3. Middlebury Electric has been notified and will be doing the repair in the next few days. All the farm fields have been approved by IDEM and sludge hauling will begin as soon as the harvest has been completed. DMRQ samples have been sent in to IDEM. IDEM requires this testing be done every two years. Tim is getting quotes for a replacement plug for the portable generator and will keep the Board updated as to quotes received. Tim was asked how he knows what stations need to be pumped down to avoid overflows when the power goes out and generators are not working. He explained that there are floats that send out a high level alert so he knows what needs checking and perhaps pumping. Each lift station (29) has a radio that will send an alert out if the generator did not transfer. The 14 generators the District has are tested every week to make sure they are transferring properly. Tim also pointed out that the District may want to look into a replacement program for the generators as some of them are now twenty years old. He will review new generator quotes and report to the Board by year end. Attorney Boxberger introduced Resolution 2020-03 which allows the District to be reimbursed for expenses O & M has paid for the Northshore/Eastshore Project. Trustee Young made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-03. It was seconded by Trustee Mikolajczak and was approved. Attorney Boxberger also needed approval to send notices to property owners in the SWAP area who have not yet hooked up to the District. After discussion Trustee

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Mikolajczak made the motion to wave failure to connect penalties thru August 31, 2020 and have Attorney Boxberger send notices to the individuals stating that they have until September 1, 2020 to hook up. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

The regular meeting was then recessed in order to hold the Public Hearing which was scheduled to start at 7:30. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comment on the modifications and adjustments to the Districts rates and charges. President Boone opened the hearing by introducing himself and the other Board members. Jeff Rowe of Baker and Tilly was also introduced and presented the Rate Ordinance 2020-01. Jeff reviewed the proposed increases that has been recommended for the next three years. The increase would begin with the February 2021 charges and would go up 3% a year. The final rate increase requested in this hearing would begin in February 2023 and would be \$71.85 per EDU including the service charge. There were no comments from the public. Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01. Trustee Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:37 with Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry reported that they will be putting out the request for a survey of the Northshore/Eastshore area. He also stated that a kickoff meeting had been held with the State Revolving Fund Department. Jeff will be making sure all further information requested is being sent. President Boone asked Tim if posts could be put up in the Chinese Garden area to prevent cars from damaging the lift station. Tim stated that the county actually owns some of the property that the District lift stations are on. He will follow up with Andy to check regulations regarding signs and posts on property not owned by the District. Tim asked Jeff Rowe how the District rates compare with other of similar size in the state. Jeff stated that the average rate in 2018 was \$75.00 compared to Turkey Creeks \$65.90.

Tim stated that ferric chloride usage is up to 50 gallons a day as compared to 20 gallons this time of year in 2019. The flow is up 100,000 gal/day. He expects the flow to continue to be high in part due to the virus and people that are staying in the area and also all the eLearning taking place. Trustee DeWitt asked how much the flow has increased Tim feels it is up about 25%. Trustee Mikolajczak asked Tim if he was having problems getting supplies. He responded that there have been some delays but more importantly material costs have gone up. Jeff Hersha was asked if responses from the income survey had been received. Jeff will follow up to see if the door to door survey has been completed and report at the next meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

September 21, 2020

  
James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:

  
Pam Johns, Office Manager