

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 20th of September 2021. 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
Keith Ort
Robert Dumford
Donald Dewitt
Dan Mikolajczak

ABSENT

James Young
Brad Fishburn

Also present were John Magsom and Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP, Chelsea Los of The Paper, Michael and Karen Williams of Microbyte, Jane Bauer, Assistant Office Manager, Pam Johns-Office Manager and Timothy Woodward, District Superintendent There were also two individuals from the public in attendance.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting. After correcting Trustee Young's on the last line the motion was made to name the motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and passed.

After reviewing the claims (verifying the invoice for fish tape and the invoice for the annual generator maintenance) Trustee Dumford made the motion to pay claim #'s 3100, 3102-04 from the Water Fund, plus claim #'s 3054 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 3052-3079, 3082-87 and 3096-98 from the Water Fund and check #'s 18526-18570 from the O & M Fund. Also approved were Northshore/Eastshore apv's 3080-81 and check #'s 1020-21. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and carried.

President Boone stated that the IDEM inspection report was received and there were no issues. He complimented Tim and the rest of the District employees for the good work.

Attorney Boxberger reported that all pump station (5) easements were signed. The golf course requested that the connection and availability charges be frozen for 32 sites currently part of the course in the event that it was ever developed. The District agreed to this change and the easement for the main pump station has been signed. The agreement for the all easements is that the District wave the \$5800.00 charge. The easement (pump station #5) at the end of Northtshore will entail moving a shed and cutting down some trees therefore the agreement is for \$10,000.00 instead of the \$5800.00. The motion was made by Trustee Dumford to approve the 5 easements as presented by Attorney Boxberger. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mikolajczak and carried.

Attorney Boxberger has received the application for American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He will get with Tim and Jeff to complete the application. As previously discussed the District is applying for funds from the County to resurface the road after construction is complete. The application is due December 1st and the county will make their decision in mid-December.

Attorney Boxberger verified that the sale of the Water Plant land has closed and the monies received and deposited.

Attorney Boxberger stated the District's financial advisors will be reviewing the expansion bids as they came in much higher the expected. The bids were approximately \$1.5 million above the estimates. The District had always hoped to keep the rates the same and will be reviewing the numbers to see if that is still possible. The Bids were just received and engineers are still reviewing them. They will also send all information to Jeff Rowe at Baker Tilley for review.

Attorney Boxberger stated that the Board will hold a Special Meeting on September 28 at 7:00 to review the new rates.

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John Magsom reviewed the bids received. The bids (2) were almost identical. Trustee Dewitt asked about the significant differences between the bids in some of the individual line items. John and Jeff are still reviewing the bids but at this time do not have an explanation for the differences. Jeff stated that he was not totally surprised by the bids as the PER was done almost two years ago and submitted to the SRF and material cost for many items including pipe has skyrocketed in the last two years. Jeff also reported that the District did not receive any SWIFT funds primarily due to the District rates being too low. The funds were distributed to Districts that had rates of at least \$100.00/mo. The state had requested seven hundred million dollars and received fifty million. There will be a second fifty million next year but due to the Districts low rates Jeff does not think the District would be in the running.

Tim reported that Ortman completed the annual maintenance on the wells at the Water Plant and no problems were found. The lead and copper water samples required by September 30 have been completed and were mailed to the customers where the samples were taken and results sent to IDEM.

The plant had a record flow for Labor D Everything ran without any problems or call outs.

Tim reported on the ferric chloride usage and the fact that it has gone from 14 gallons a day to 50 gallons a day. Webb Chemical is going to test it to determine if the quality has gone down resulting in increased usage. Although the plant is meeting the permit the samples done are showing a higher phosphate level than Tim is comfortable with. He will keep the Board updated when the test results come in.

The county has done the annual spraying of the ditch.

Tim received the quotes for the Leeland Lift Station. One quote was \$14631.00 (Three Rivers Water Solution) and the other was \$12000.00 (Mason Engineering). Mason will also use their equipment to do the bypass and all repairs. As soon as parts are received Mason will complete repairs.

Tractor has been serviced and sludge hauling has started. We are hoping to haul 10 loads of liquid a day.

Tim reported on Vawter Park and extending the line to complete service around Wawasee. A home owner in the area which was not part of the original SWAP Project contacted the District and stated that he is willing to run a line at his expense and tie into the main line. The extension would run by the last 14 homes in the area and require a construction permit. Tim requested a meeting with the Sewer Committee to review options and decide if the District wants to force connection of all 14 homes.

Tim and Brian Houghton of Jones and Henry have been doing extra sampling (BOD's) and feel they now have the data to submit to IDEM. The District is requesting that IDEM increases capacity from .37 to .48.

Tim reviewed the valve schedule and he feels we should be done with checking them all by next meeting.

Tim verified with Michael of Microbyte that all the PLC's have now been replaced.

Tim stated that he is contracting out the BOD sampling which should free up someone to be out in the field more hours a week.

Tim will be reviewing state codes and connection requirements for the possible Northshore/Eastshore expansion and is working with home owners to review options for materials and hookups. Tim feels that a letter should be sent soon to the home owners in the expansion area so they can plan and review where their septic system is and where they will want their tap installed. A home owner stated he has had delays in receiving a permit from the County for rebuilding as a result of the sewer expansion not being finalized. Tim and Andy will supply him with a letter which should satisfy the Health Dept. and Building Dept. so a Building Permit can be issued.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to adjourn, Trustee Dewitt seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

October 18, 2021


James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:


Pam Johns, Office Manager