

**MINUTES OF A REGULA0R 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 day of August of Trustees and I.C. 5-14-1.5.

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

PRESENT

Rex Heil  
James Boone  
Donald DeWitt  
Keith Ort  
Robert Dumford  
James Young  
Dan Mikolajczak

ABSENT

Also present were Brian Houghton and Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry, Timothy Woodward-District Superintendent, Andrew Grossnickle of Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin LLP, Chelsea Los of The Paper, Michael and Karen Williams of Microbyte, Jane Bauer, Billing Clerk and Pam Johns-Office Manager.

There were also approximately 30 people attending the meeting in order to get more information and state their feeling regarding the possible expansion of sewer service in the Northshore and Eastshore area.

President Heil verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting. After review the motion was made by Trustee Boone to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and carried.

After a brief discussion Trustee Boone made the motion to pay claim #'s 8446-77, 8486 and 8488 as listed on Operation & Maintenance. The motion also approved claim #'s 8482-85 and 8489 from the Water Fund plus prepaid check #'s 5512-15550 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund and check # 1670 from the water Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and carried.

President Heil started the meeting by stating that nothing had yet been decided on regarding the possibility of expansion in the Eastshore Northshore area. The District is still collecting data and doing a feasibility ~~study~~ <sup>study</sup>.

President Heil was asked if he had received the envelope (containing a petition) dropped off at the office the afternoon of the Board Meeting. He stated that he had received it but not had a chance to review it. He asked that Pam email it out to all the Board members for their review.

In response to questions regarding capacity Brian stated that the plant does have capacity but plant improvements are being planned. He explained that the current plant has a capacity of .37 mgd and the plant could handle the flow from Northshore Eastshore but improvements are needed in areas such as the screening and grit removal systems. Brian also pointed out that the heaviest flow he has seen have been during wet weather combined with snow melt. When questioned regarding ground water flowing into the system President Heil stated that the District has people out doing locates daily and also looking for areas that have been compromised due to construction, broken pipes, and underground boring but the District will always be dealing with ground water.

The questionnaire that had been sent out earlier this year was questioned as far as the way the responses were tabulated. The individual stated that in reviewing the responses the highest percentage in favor he could get to was 30 not the 40 that was stated at the last meeting.

The Board was asked what law gave the District the right to install sewer and force residents to hook up. Attorney Grossnickle stated that it was IC 13-26 and also the District's Use Ordinance.

A resident of Eastshore Drive spoke up and pointed to the District map. She pointed out that the residents along Northshore and Eastshore are enjoying the benefits of sewers being installed in the Knapp Lake and Lake Wawasee area. She feels that the expansion is a good idea and that it is not a question of if but of when.

Someone questioned the estimated cost and stated in another town she lived in she did not have to pay for any of the installation cost with the exception of the house hook up which was approximately \$500.00 (30 years ago-she figured about \$1000.00 today).

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Property owner stated that she did not feel she would be getting a return on investment with the installation costs now in the area of \$20,000.00.

Another property owner stated that if the District wanted to they could shrink their area by abandoning or surrendering part of the District and therefore not be responsible for sewerage the area.

The question of pursuing grants came up. Jones and Henry Engineering and HJ Umbaugh & Assoc. are looking into what may be available however as most are income based the area in question may not qualify. Low interest loans are also being looked at.

The Board was asked regarding an agenda –is it published ahead of time and also will the feasibility ~~study~~<sup>study</sup> be available for review. Would advance notice be given before a vote would be taken at a meeting? President Heil and Vice President Boone reminded those present that the Board meets every third Monday of the month, an agenda is done ahead of time however all it takes to bring something up for a vote is a member to make a motion.

The feasibility ~~study~~ is being compiled by various individuals and will be presented to the Board for study and review.

Brian was asked about the location of the lines and whether construction would tear up or destroy landscaping and sidewalks etc. He stated that everything was still being looked at but due to directional drilling and underground pulling of the lines there would be very little impact above ground.

The Board was asked how much of the current flow is now treated by Syracuse. Tim stated that it is approximately 30%. This will be reduced after the flow reduction project is complete.

The question arose regarding bringing discussion on a particular topic to a close. It was stated by a property owner that since the rules had not been established at the beginning of the meeting the Board could not close a topic until all questions and comments had been heard.

Tim reported on the water and wastewater plant. The annual maintenance on the wells is scheduled for next week and he will have a report at the next meeting. The plant is running well but there were some check valves needing replacement.

There was a lift station repaired with ~~temporary~~<sup>temporary</sup> fix and will be replaced with the flow reversal project.

The insurance claim was processed and a check (\$17,000.00) received for the lightning strike at the Enchanted Hills Lift Station. Repairs have been completed and new pumps installed.

All necessary Plant adjustments have been made for the holiday weekend and all permits are being met.

Andrew reviewed the Reed's Dock litigation. The motion was made by Trustee Dumford to end litigation as he feels the Board has done their due diligence. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and passed.

Brian reported on the bid results (contracts 4-force main & 5-plant) opened last Thursday. There were two bids submitted for contract 5. The low bid came in at \$1,203,000.00 from Cornerstone-Stewart Engineering. The engineering estimate had been 1.15 million. It is the recommendation of Jones and Henry that contract 5 be awarded to Cornerstone-Stewart Engineering pending the sale of bonds. There were 3 bids for contract 4. Two of the bids did not take into account the pumps and other equipment that has already been purchased by the District in order to cut down lead times and what the contractor would be responsible for. Niblock did pick up the correct numbers. After contacting Selge they requested that their bid be withdrawn as it did not take into account some of the items they would be responsible for. The bids are therefore considered non responsive as they were not figured correctly. The recommendation from Brian is to award contract 4 to Niblock pending sale of bonds. The motion was made by Trustee Boone to take Brian's recommendation and award contract 4 to Niblock Excavating and contract 5 to Cornerstone-Stewart Engineering. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and carried.

President Heil requested that the SWAP project be closed by the end of September.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Dumford made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Boone seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sept 17, 2018

  
Rex A. Heil, President

Respectfully, submitted by:

  
Pam Johns, Office Manager