

**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 met on the 20th of April 2020. Such meeting pursuant to annual notice in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees and I.C. 5-14-1.5.

Pursuant to Indiana Executive Order 20-09 Section 4 the meeting was conducted utilizing electronic participation only. The District office was closed and there was no in person participation.

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

Dan Mikolajczak
James Boone
Robert Dumford
Donald DeWitt
James Young

ABSENT

Keith Ort

Also participating in the meeting were Timothy Woodward-District Superintendent, Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry and Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP. There were also over 35 individuals that participated using zoom or phone.

As a result of the meeting being held electronically all votes were handled using a roll call vote.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the March 16, 2020 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 the motion was made by Vice President Dumford to pay claim #'s 1785-88 from the Water Fund plus claim #'s 1744-6,49-77 and 1791-94 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2157-58 from the Water Fund and #'s 17218-41 and 17254-57 from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and carried.

President Boone asked Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry for an update. Jeff reported that the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) is still being reviewed and will soon be ready to submit to the State Revolving Fund (SRF). He still needs to receive final information from the finance consultants (Baker Tilly) doing the reviews. He did remind the Board that if the information is submitted to the SRF by May 1st the applicants automatically receive 10 extra points. This submittal in no way obligates the District to move forward with the proposed project. Jeff also stated that the Board was also looking into funding options with the Office of Rural Development, Office of Community & Rural Affairs and the private bond market. After discussion Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to submit the paperwork to the SRF for review before the May 1st deadline. The motion was seconded by Vice President Dumford and carried.

When questioned by the public, Attorney Boxberger reassured them that a public hearing would be scheduled and held prior to any final decision being made by the Board regarding the Northshore/Eastshore area. Hopefully an in person hearing can be scheduled in May or June. Attorney Boxberger did state that if in person meetings are still prohibited months from now a zoom/call in meeting may be necessary but that would not be first choice.

Tim reported the first water flushing will go on as planned on April 21, 2020. The Water Plant roof has been leaking and needs repair. Tim is planning on having it repaired with the same type of roof that was put on the District Office. He reported that the new RAS Pumps were installed for clarifier # 3 and 4. This has resulted in a 45% reduction in RAS flow. Pumps for clarifiers 1 and 2 are on order. The new transfer switch and control panel for the generator have been installed and the surge tank transmitter replaced.

It was discovered that the UV Trojan 3000B panel had plugs that failed. Middlebury Electric was able to get parts and repair it. A new one would have cost approximately \$10,000.00 while repairs were \$1500.00.

Tim reported that all air release valves (31) and siphon lines have been inspected and no repairs are needed.

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He also stated that a record 395000 gallons of sludge has been hauled (181 trips) to the field this spring. The sludge program this spring saved over \$50,000.00 by doing land application instead of being hauled to the landfill.

The first question during the general public portion of the meeting was since Syracuse Lake is one of the cleanest lakes in the state how did the District justify installing sewer in the area and also what is the data showing that septic systems are failing. President Boone stated that they received inquiries about when and if service was planned in the area. Since the area is in the District and therefore the District has a responsibility to provide service, the engineers reviewed all the septic system records and discover that over 70% or 143 of the 204 septic permits were 20 years or older. When asked Jeff stated that the District does not do water testing, that testing is the responsibility of the Kosciusko Health Dept. Attorney Boxberger reminded everyone that the state has mandated that the District supply service within its boundaries when requested. Attorney Boxberger stated the District recognizes that many people may not want sewer service but that is not a reason not to install service. When repeatedly asked why service was needed when the lake was so clean people were reminded that part of the reason Syracuse Lake is as clean as it is is due to the fact that Lake Wawasee which flows into Syracuse has been sewerred and is much cleaner as a result. Attorney Boxberger reminded everyone the state of Indiana has given the District the authority and obligation to provide sewer service within the boundaries set by the state and although people may not want it the District must abide by the state mandate.

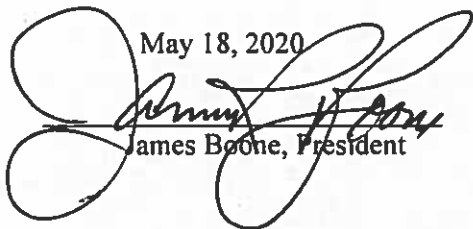
One individual stated it was nothing but a money grab at which point the public was reminded that there is no money to grab. The District does not make money. Another individual stated that just because the District was authorized to provide service it does not mean they should. Attorney Boxberger again stated that the District was mandated by the state to provide service within its boundaries.

President Boone stated that at this point we will agree to disagree and that further discussion could take place at the public meeting.

The Board was asked if the expansion was a done deal. The individual asking thought that a feasibility, engineering and financial analysis was to be done. He was reassured that he is correct and information is still being gathered for review however due to the Coronavirus-19 regulations some information has been delayed and the SRF has allowed people to submit information (which may not be complete) for preliminary review and will again review the submission when complete information has been received.


There being no further business to bring before the Board, Vice President Dumford made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Mikolajczak seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

May 18, 2020



James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:



Pam Johns, Office Manager