

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

Prior to the regular monthly Board Meeting of Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District a public hearing was held regarding the sale of 59.3 acres of farm land. After giving the required public notice an auction was held on August 9th. The winning bid being \$585,000.00 with a closing date no later than September 15, 2021. There were no questions or comments and the hearing was closed. The Board then opened the regular monthly meeting.

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 16th of August 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 your 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
James Young
Robert Dumford
Brad Fishburn

ABSENT

Donald Dewitt
Dan Mikolajczak

Also present were Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry, 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 three individuals from the public in attendance.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting. After verifying the amount requested in the letter sent to the County Commissioners Trustee Ort made the motion to accept the minutes as written (it was noted the request to the County Commissioners was changed from \$600,000 to \$800,000 when it was sent to the county). The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

After reviewing the claims Trustee Dumford made the motion to pay claim #'s 3014-16 from the Water Fund, plus claim #'s 2983-3013, 3017-18, 3020 and 3022-24 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2290 and 2292 from the Water Fund and check #'s 18315, 18382, 18448-59, 18461, 18471-83 and 2981 EFT from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

President Boone reminded the Board and Attorney Boxberger that the Spitler property which was part of the SWAP project has still not been connected. Attorney Boxberger suggested starting with a letter stating that the District will start forced connection and also will pursue attorney fees if the connection is not done. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Dumford to have a letter sent to the property owner and if necessary start forced connection proceeding. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fishburn and carried.

Attorney Boxberger presented the Board with the purchase agreement for the sale of the 59.3 acres. Attorney Boxberger needed a motion to approve the sale and execute the purchase agreement. Trustee Young made the motion to approve the sale and execute the purchase agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ort and carried.

Attorney Boxberger presented a signatory resolution required by the State Revolving Fund which would authorize someone to sign for authorized documents. President Boone read Resolution 2021-03 authorizing Tim Woodward to sign for project related documents. The motion was made by Trustee Young to approve Resolution 2021-03. It was seconded by Trustee Ort and approved.

Attorney Boxberger presented the Bond Resolution for the Northshore/Eastshore project. The Resolution was done by Ice Miller (Bond Counsel) and Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly. The Resolution authorizes the issuance of Bonds up to \$5,220,000. This allows the District a cushion while moving along with the project. Trustee Dumford made a motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance 2021-01. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried. Attorney Nusbaum has been working on the pump station easements and now has the waiver valuations. Availability and capital charges would be credited to

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the property owner(Resolution 2021-04). The motion was made by Trustee Young to accept Resolution 2021-04. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Ort and was accepted.

Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry has the notice for bids ready to finalize and publication on August 19th and again on the 26th. There will be a pre bid meeting on September 10th and bids due to be opened at noon September 17, 2021 which is also the deadline for SRF Funding.

Jeff will submit the paperwork to the State stating that there is nothing of archeological or historical concern that would interfere with the project. Jeff will also be submitting the paperwork from the NRCR stating that no farmland is being affected with the project.

Tim stated that there had been a small chlorine chlorinator leak at the water plant which has now been repaired. This is checked on a regular basis and was caught before the standards were affected. All samples were within state requirements. Tim reviewed the notice from the State stating that the District can switch to annual VOC testing rather the quarterly. There was a hose that caused a ferric chloride (used to remove phosphorus) leak which has now been repaired. Tim stated he is working with Brian Houghton of Jones and Henry and the District IDEM permit. They are requested based on plant data to increase capacity from .37 to .48 mgd. Tim stated that as soon as the fields have been harvested he is ready to start hauling sludge. He is looking into pumping the 800 retention tanks in the District. He has started getting calls from property owners regarding grease build up in their tanks and has had to have a number of them pumped. He has also purchased degreaser to put in the lift stations. He has spoken Shankster Bros to get prices for tank pumping, perhaps with using the Districts vactor truck. He would like to start in the Morrison Island area this fall.

The tanks also need to be taken care of in order to avoid having grease build up in the siphon lines. Tim figures that if a section at a time were pumped the complete system would be completed in 5 years and should last without further pumping for about 20 years.

Tim reviewed an invoice from Kester's for \$3,600.00 for a 20 HP pump repair. If it had not been noticed based on the Scadata times that it was running a lot more than normal, it could have been damaged(slipped bolt) beyond repair and a new motor would have cost \$23,000. We repaired a pump at the Enchanted Hills LS.

Tim showed the Board the new locator which has locator wire and allows you (in the SWAP area) to follow the line from the house to the grinder pump and our connections.

Tim is also working on fixing 3 "hot spots" (Waveland Cove, Ogden Island & Morrison Island). He believes we have 37 tanks which home owners have covered up and in some cases paved over that are leaking water. These areas have to be repaired and Tim will work with Attorney Boxberger regarding the home owner responsibility and repair costs. The District does have easements for all tanks but in some cases Tim doesn't think the current home owner is even aware of the easement. Tim reported that he received information from IDEM regarding changes in water sampling requirements. He will report to the Board next month. Tim reported on the generator fail (hose) at Buttermilk Lift Station during the 24 hour power outage. Tim and Steve got it working and WW Williams will do repairs at no cost as it should have been caught when the annual maintenance was recently done.

President Boone and the auctioneer for the land sale reported on how well the sale went and the paper work is being finalized. Pam verified with the Board that the engineering and legal invoices are to be held until funds from the land sale are received. A motion was made by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Dumford to pay the Baker Tilley invoices and the invoice from the appraiser should however be paid. The motion passed.

Two individuals from the public asked about the project timeline. Jeff reported that the project seems to still be on the original timeline of June 2022. We will know more when bids are reviewed Sept 17 2021 and also winter weather could affect the timeline.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Fishburn made the motion to adjourn. Trustee ~~Boone~~ Jim Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

September 20, 2021


James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:


Pam Johns, Office Manager