

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of November 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  
Robert Dumford  
Brad Fishburn  
Jeff Heirdrich  
Dan Mikolajczak  
James Young

**ABSENT**

Donald Dewitt

Also present were 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 October 15, 2021 Rate Hearing meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Mikolajczak to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Heirdrich and passed.

President Boone then verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from the October 15, 2021 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Mikolajczak to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

After reviewing the claims Trustee Dumford made the motion to pay claim #'s 3230-32 from the Water Fund, plus claim #'s 3192-96, 3196-3219, 3220-4, 3234-39, 41-42 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2312 and 2317-18 from the Water Fund and check #'s 18738, 18698-18709, 18726-7, 18730-32 and EFT # 3191 from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

President Boone stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Kaiser who is representing Sunset Harbor Condos. Attorney Boxberger said he had spoken with Mr. Kaiser today and he has the information requested.

Attorney Boxberger Reminded the Board that the pre closing for SRF will be Thursday November 22, 2021. The paperwork will then be overnighted to SRF as it is due Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The closing will be December 2, 2021 and at that time the contracts will be awarded.

Attorney Boxberger stated that a letter will be sent out this week to property owners in the project area explaining the interim rate, and that the owners are to put stakes in the ground where they want the tap to be. The stakes will be supplied by Jones and Henry who with Tim will review the hook up location requested to see if it's feasible. The first billing for the interim rate (\$31.05) will be the February 1, 2022 bill covering January service. The Capital and Availability charges will be invoiced when service is available.

Attorney Boxberger presented the salary ordinance for 2022 (2021-04). The motion was made by Trustee Dumford to approve Ordinance 2021-04. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and passed.

Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry reported that he was able to speak with a representative from Homeland Security and got the information needed in order to secure the tanks at the water plant. After review Jeff will schedule the modification to the pressure tanks required by Homeland Security.

Jeff reported that he had submitted all the final documents regarding the expected life (38.4 years) of the project to SRF.

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Jeff presented two Jones and Henry letters of agreement to the Board, one (#321) for the CSX crossing and one (#521) for the Vawter Park extension. The engineering cost of #321 is not to exceed \$29,967.00 and # 521 not to exceed \$ 28,543.00. When asked, Jeff reported that the engineers' current estimate for installation of the Vawter Park extension would be \$88,000.00 and the estimated cost of the new line (#521) under the rail road tracks was \$110,000.00.

Attorney Boxberger stated that since both projects were under \$150,000 the District would not have to go out for bids. Trustee Dumford made the motion to approve the Vawter Park project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mikolajczak and carried. Attorney Boxberger reminded everyone that the affected homeowners would be able to apply for an exemption if they have a newer system and got approval from the Kosciusko Health Dept.

President Boone reported on the RR tracks and the need for a new line under the crossing on CR 1200. Trustee Heirdrich made the motion to replace the line under the tracks. After discussion the motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

Tim stated that the backup water pump for the well is scheduled for delivery on December 15.

He reported that his sludge reduction program has been a success and even with a record 11.5" of rain in Oct only two tanks were needed.

He reported that the ferric chloride usage discussed last month has been resolved. The lab work came back with no problems reported. He believes that an air lock occurred in one of the tanks causing the usage increase. The usage is now back to normal but the ferric chloride cost keeps going up so he is researching changing to a different chemical called alum. It is being used successfully at other plants. Tim may switch and see how it works with our operation but could go back to ferric if needed. If the alum works it would save approximately 60% over the cost of ferric. Alum produces about 30% more sludge but with our sludge removal program it should still save the District money. The chemical cost difference is .14 vs. .41 per gallon.

Tim has also been able to put the rotors on timers which is cutting electricity cost in half for them in half.

The Enchanted Hills Lift Station repairs were done in one day and not the two they thought it take. Mason did the repairs and everything looks good and all repairs made.

A property owner in the Northshore area asked if mailing could be done to an address other than that of the property in the project area. The district will use any mailing address the property owner wants—they just have to contact the office with any changes.

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

December 20, 2021

  
James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:

  
Pam Johns, Office Manager