

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. 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

Donald Dewitt  
Dan Mikolajczak  
Robert Dumford  
James Boone

### ABSENT

Brad Fishburn  
Jeff Herdrich  
James Young

Also present were Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP, Jane Bauer Assistant Office Manager, Pam Johns-Office Manager and Timothy Woodward, District Superintendent.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from November 18, 2023 regular meeting. After removing the information regarding the rotors mentioned in the minutes (11 feet instead of 7 and will increase the plant capacity from a .3 to .5). They are for a future project and not the current improvements at the plant. The rotors discussed at the last meeting are replacements at the plant and will not increase capacity.

The motion was made by Trustee Dewitt to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mikolajczak and passed.

After reviewing the claims (the size of the plant fuel tanks both diesel and unleaded are 300 gallon tanks and the diesel fuel has additives to prevent freezing). Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to pay claim #'s 5080 and 5082 from and the Water Fund, plus claim #'s 5034, 5039, 5059 and 5054-84 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were checks # 2529-30 from the Water Fund and check #'s 20690-95, 20702 and 20711-23 from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and carried.

Attorney Boxberger presented the settlement agreement for the removal of the gas tank on the Senter property for signature. After discussion Trustee Dewitt made the motion to approve the settlement agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and passed.

Attorney Boxberger then presented the rate ordinance with red line of changes regarding the time line for requiring hookups. The changes state rather than paying the Availability and Capital when you connect it will now state the Availability and Capital charges will be billed and due at the time the customer is required to connect.

Also, the language that applied only to the Eastshore/Northshore expansion has been removed.

These changes will go into effect on all new expansion projects. After discussion Trustee Dumford made the motion to approve the amended and restated Rate Ordinance 2023-~~03~~<sup>02</sup>. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and passed.

Tim reported on the generator repair- WW Williams had put the wrong relay in. It has now been repaired at their cost.

The IDEM Water Inspector will be at the plant Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Tim will include a copy of the report in the next Board Packet.

Trustee Dewitt asked Tim how the District's water rate compared to other Districts. Tim had just received and reviewed rate information. He had information that in Cromwell (2016) the average usage was 2000 gal/mo. The cost would have been \$ 34.00. TCRSD's current flat rate is \$24.77 (23.15 plus tax). One solution Tim would like to pursue is the installation of water meters. He and Jones and Henry are checking into any grants that may be available. After discussion it was decided that the flat rate would at some time have to go up. Tim will get with Andy, Baker Tilly and Jones and Henry to see what the options are.

Tim and Stan Rice of Lupke Rice have the 2024 Commercial Insurance completed and were able to come in at \$8000.00 less than 2023.

Tim reviewed information on the force main line break and the repairs that were done. This was only the 3<sup>rd</sup> break since 1989. It broke at a "T" so the District had to pump and haul all night. The repairs have been made and checked.

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Tim reported on a backup in a home on Vawter Park. This was a result of a broken check valve which caused an overheated grinder pump. The water in the pit was boiling as a result which caused the backup in the home. Tim and Stan Rice are looking into whether an insurance claim should be filed. A new air release valve has been installed.

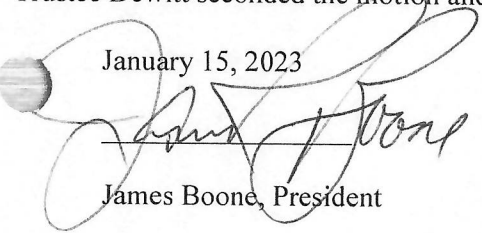
Pam reported that the audit has been completed. The recommendations are being addressed and we will work with Keystone to make the required changes and make sure 2024 has been set up correctly. Pam will follow up on the clearing account to be set up. She will keep the Board updated.

Trustee Dumford asked Andy to follow up on the Judith Delury property to verify what agreement had been made about the property lines in question.

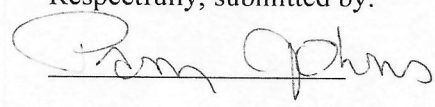
There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Young made the motion to adjourn.

Trustee Dewitt seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

January 15, 2023

  
James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:

  
Pam Johns, Office Manager