

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. 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

Robert Dumford  
James Boone  
Jeff Herdrich  
Donald Dewitt  
James Young  
Brad Fishburn

ABSENT

Dan Mikolajczak

Also present were Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP, John Magsam and Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry Engineering, Jane Bauer Assistant Office Manager, Karen and Michael Williams of Microbyte, Pam Johns-Office Manager and Timothy Woodward, District Superintendent. There was also a reporter from The Paper present.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from April 15, 2024 regular meeting. After review Trustee Dewitt made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

After reviewing the claims (Lakeside-new rotors final payment) the motion was made by Trustee Dumford to pay claim #'s 5436 and 5514-17 from the Water Fund, plus claim #'s 5469-5508 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2569-70 from the Water Fund and check #'s 20775, 20849 21093-21121 and 5480eft-5455eft from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

President Boone made sure that Board members had seen the letter of appreciation received from a customer after a line break on his property had been repaired.

Attorney Boxberger reported that all the required documentation had been submitted to the SRF for both the water and septic elimination grant requests. Andy also reported that the Shipman Consulting firm has been hired to do the income study in the water service area.

Trustee Dumford asked about the Eli Lilly easements the Board inquired about last Board meeting. Attorney Boxberger stated that they had not been able to come up with the easements but under Indiana statute when a road is vacated easements are maintained. Attorney Boxberger will send a letter to the affected property owners to remind them of the easement locations, rules and regulations.

Jeff Hersha reported that he had received a call from SRF stating they had started the review process and needed the Fiscal Sustainability Certification. Jeff reported that Baker Tilly will be supplying the information to SRF.

Jeff presented the Board with a new on call contract. These normally run for 12 months but the last one was actually 15 months ago. Trustee Young made the motion to approve a new on call 12 month service agreement (not to exceed \$50,000.00) for the Wastewater Plant. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and passed.

Jeff also submitted a document for signature that will allow the District to be reimbursed by the state for the water PER. Tim gave an update on the wells. The District Water Plant has 2 wells one of which is in the water plant building and was grandfathered in. If this well failed-a new one would not be allowed in the plant building due to the sewer line locations.

One concern the District has is all the irrigation systems that are being installed by area farmers and how this might affect the District water supply if a drought were to occur. Tim reported that he has ordered 2 new transducers to be installed by June 1<sup>st</sup> on the wells. This will allow us to monitor the wells and make sure they are 45' above the screen and to check if any adjustments need to be made. During the drought in 2012 the levels dropped 20' on the screen. Tim worked with the

ENR and IDEM and showed a map of the aquifer as they believe it to be. Tim reported that written into the contract when the District sold the land was the option to buy back an acre (at original price). Tim has also discovered that the new irrigation wells control panel was installed in our easement.

Tim reported that Ortman can do a boring test (\$7000.00) down to 700 feet to see what the District would need to do if it becomes necessary to put another well in. Tim reported that he and John did put a \$300,000.00 request for a new well in the SRF water request. If a new well is needed it would no longer be able to be put in the building as it would be too close

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to the sewer lines. Trustee Dewitt asked about the depth of the current wells. Tim reported that both well are 12" and one is 73' and one is 78'. After discussion the motion was made by Trustee Young to have Ortman do the boring test. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herdrich and passed.

Tim updated the Board regarding PFAS and the new regulations. The state has lowered the limits twice after samples were submitted. All the samples Tim has sent in to Pace Labs (the lab used by IDEM) showed no PFAS present in the Districts sludge bio solids or drinking water. He will keep the Board updated and let them know if state regulations change again.

Tim is in the process of renewing the District's Sludge Permit (covers 6 counties) which is good for 10 years. He reported on the savings for the District since the District can do land application as compared to paying for hauling and disposing of the bio solids. The land application is also saving the farmers approximately \$130.00/ acre in nitrogen cost. He reviewed the reports sent to both the farmers and IDEM regarding what and how much is applied to the approved fields. As a backup Tim also has an agreement with the landfill and Stuckman (30 yard hopper) stating that they will accept a bag (disposal fee \$2500.00 per bag consisting of 20,000 gal with 2% solids).

Tim also reviewed the increase in locates received due to the fiber optic directional boring being done in the area. The District is up to 20 locates a day. This takes approximately 2 employees all day to mark and make sure lines are not being hit. Trustee Dumford reminded the Board that locates are difficult to do as a result of the 900 tanks with a 10' easement in people's yards. The tanks were a requirement of the EPA in order for the District to get funding. It is the only system in the state with this type of tank and makes it almost impossible to hire out the job of locates.

President Boone and the Board had received a letter from a customer (Mr. Lash) who felt the District rates should not be the same no matter what the size of the home or number of fixtures. The Board asked that attorney Boxberger send a letter explaining the rate structure and how the District bills each structure a flat rate.

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 8:10 p.m.

June 17, 2024

  
James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:

  
Pam Johns, Office Manager