

# 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 19th of May 2025. Such meeting pursuant to annual notice in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees and I.C. 5-14-1.5.

Prior to the regular meeting a Public Rate Hearing for a proposed rate increase was held at 6:45 pm. No one other than a reporter from The Paper was present for the hearing. The Hearing was to discuss a rate increase which is necessary due to inflationary cost for day to day expenses and also for plant improvements that are being done. After a rate study was done by Baker Tilly it was determined that the new monthly rate should be \$79.05 including the billing cost. The new rate will be reevaluated after grants and SRF funding is determined. The rate being discussed currently is to cover inflation that has in some cases gone up 50% in the last 2 to 3 years. For example when Superintendent Woodward was asked about the increased cost of materials the example he gave was that a pre COVID pump for Buttermilk Lift Station would have been \$28000.00. It now would cost \$51000.00. He has found that there has been approximately a 40% increase in material and labor cost in the last 4-5 years. Attorney Boxberger stated that the rates would be looked at over the next few months to see if any further adjustments have to be made. This would also depend on any grants and SRF monies available. The current increase requested would also be for the plant improvements now being done. There being no further comments the Rate Hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was then opened at 7:00.

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  
James Young  
Robert Dumford  
Dan Mikolajczak  
Donald Dewitt  
Jeff Herdrich  
Brad Fishburn

### ABSENT

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

President Boone verified that the Board had copies of the minutes from the April Meeting.

After review the motion was made by Trustee Mikolajczak to approve the April 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herdrich and passed.

The May claims list was then presented and reviewed including the Mason Engineering bill for \$34429.50 (payment #1 for the oxidation ditch upgrade, the new Scadata Radio and the new 811 app). Trustee Dumford made the motion to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herdrich and passed.

Attorney Boxberger asked about the rate increase and when the Board wanted it to go into effect. After discussion it was decided on June 1<sup>st</sup> which would be billed July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion (ordinance #2) was made by Trustee Dumford to raise the rate to \$79.05 per edu. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and passed.

After discussion the motion was made by Trustee Mikolajczak to pass a Bond Ordinance (#3) which is for an Anticipation Ban in the amount of \$1866,000.00. This motion would allow Baker Tilly to get proposals and quotes from banks and allows an interest rate up to 7%. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and passed.

John Magsam reported on the visit from the IDEM State Commissioner. The visit and inspection went well and hopefully it will help when funding is looked at for upgrades. John also updated the Board on the rotor project at the plant. Mason Engineering is working on the north ditch and should have the rotor installation complete by the middle of June.

He informed the Board that the insurance check (\$82,000.00) had been received for the Treasure Island damage. The repairs have been completed.

TURKEY CREEK REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

May 19, 2025

Regular Monthly Meeting

Agenda Item Two

Tim reported that all lines and lift stations have been cleaned, inspected and are ready for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Tim reported that Ashton has passed his CDL and as a result should get a one dollar raise. After discussion including the average pay for a driver with a CDL Trustee Dumford made the motion to give Ashton a \$1.00/hour raise effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and passed.

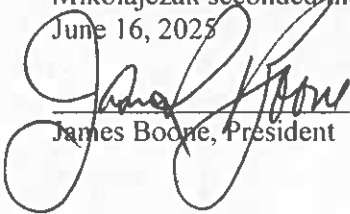
Tim reviewed the report from Ortman. They were onsite and did the well inspection and pump down tests. Everything checked out and no major repairs are needed at this time.

President Boone reported that he had spoken with a rep from Bright Speed regarding internet hookup. If the District decided to go this route it would take approximately 3-6 months and it would be a dedicated line for the District. He will report back and get further details if the Board decides to go this route.

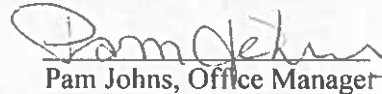
There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Dumford made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Mikolajczak seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

June 16, 2025

Respectfully, submitted by:



James Boone, President



Pam Johns, Office Manager