

# MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

## 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 said District, 4852 North 1200 West, Cromwell, IN, on December 15, 2025. 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 address, and you will be allowed two (2) minutes for your comment or discussion of your question.

President Boone called for the roll call of members of the Board Shown to be present or absent:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Jim Boone	Bob Dumford	Dan Mikolajczak
	Brad Fishburn	James Young	Rick Paloian
<u>ABSENT</u>	Don Dewitt		

Also present were Andy Boxberger of Carson, LLP, Jeff Hersha & Mike Harkness of Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD, Karen and Michael Williams of MicroByte, Shannon McLeod of Baker Tilly Office Manager Emily Delorey, and Superintendent Timothy Woodward.

### Public Hearing

Shannon McLeod of Baker Tilly opened the OCRA (Office of Rural and Community Affairs) required 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing regarding the Water Utility Improvement Project. McLeod summarized that the project has two phases; the \$4.5 million SRF (State Revolving Fund) grant for Fascination Place and an OCRA grant in the amount of \$560,000 with a \$140,000 local match from the District through the SRF loan. Adding that the total amount for the second phase of the project is \$700,000. McLeod clarified that if \$560,000 was granted to the District, the funds would be used for a new well and permanent generator at the Water Plant and fifty meters to be installed in Enchanted Hills.

McLeod continued that Kosciusko County Commissioners were applying on behalf of the District, and the application would be submitted to OCRA on December 19, 2025. Adding that awards are tentatively scheduled to be announced mid-February of 2026. McLeod stressed that this year’s round of applications was extremely competitive, and numerous applications were submitted throughout the state. McLeod noted that she felt confident in the District’s application and does not see any issues with the application being awarded. McLeod continued that should the District be awarded, OCRA would notify the Commissioners first, who would then notify McLeod and the District.

McLeod then moved on by stating the SRF portion of the Water Improvement Project would continue regardless of OCRA funding being granted or not. The closing for the SRF grant is projected to be in April but may be pushed back until June of 2026 is the OCRA award is granted.

Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP asked for clarification of when bids would be open. Mike Harkness of Jones & Henry Engineers responded that bids are due in March.

McLeod noted that the grant was all or none, partial funds would not be awarded.

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Board President Jim Boone thanked McLeod for the work she has been doing and she had an effective way of expressing the District's need for better water in Fascination Place.

Office Manager Emily Delorey asked if the District needed to reapply for the OCRA grant in the Spring, would the process need to start all over or could the same application be used. McLeod responded by stating the application would need updating, but the same information could be used. McLeod added that the District would need to fund the \$140,000 local match for the grant. Boxberger expressed concerns on the District's ability to fund the local grant. Stating that SRF may not be willing to wait another round of applications.

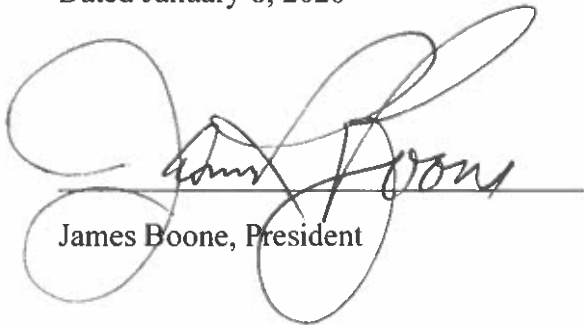
Lilli Dwyer with The Paper asked if the \$140,000 local match through SRF was needed because the District increased the grant request to which McLeod stated yes. McLeod continued by stating more funding was needed to make all the necessary improvements in Fascination Place and Enchanted hills and that borrowing more money impacts the water and sewer rates. The additional funding would increase the rates in that area by approximately \$2.50.

Boone asked if the District would know if the funding was awarded in February to which McLeod stated tentatively mid-February.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Boone and seconded by Vice President Dumford and passed. The Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.


Dated January 8, 2026



James Boone, President



Emily Delorey, Office Manager



Timothy S. Woodward, Superintendent