

# MINUTES OF 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 said District, 4852 North 1200 West, Cromwell, IN, on the 19 of January 2026. 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 previously 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	Robert Dumford	Don DeWitt
	Dan Mikolajczak	Brad Fishburn	Jim Young*
	Rick Paloian		

### ABSENT

\*Board Member Jim Young appeared via zoom.

Also present were Andy Boxberger of Carson, LLP, John Magsam & Jeff Hersha of Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD, Karen and Michael Williams of MicroByte, Office Manager Emily Delorey, and Superintendent Timothy Woodward.

### Election of Officers:

Andy Boxberger of Carson, LLP instructed Board Members that all votes must be done via roll call due Board Member Jim Young appearing virtually.

Board President Boone addressed the Board regarding nominations for President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Board Member Mikolajczak moved to keep the current officer positions the same to which Board Member Dumford seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote for Election of Officers passed.

### Approval of Minutes:

Boone verified that the Board had copies of the Public Hearing minutes from December 15, 2025. Jeff Hersha of Jones & Henry Engineers noted that the minutes reflected incorrect bid dates, to which Office Manager Delorey stated she recorded what was said in the hearing. Boxberger confirmed the minutes should record what was said. After review, the motion to approve was made by Board Member Paloian and seconded by Dumford.

**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to Approve the Public Hearing minutes of December 15, 2025 passed.

Boone verified that the Board had copies of the regular meeting from December 15, 2025. After review, the motion to approve the minutes of the regular December 15, 2025 meeting was made by Paloian and seconded by Dumford.

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**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to Approve minutes of the Regular December 15, 2025 meeting passed.

### Approval of Claims:

The January Claims list was presented and reviewed. Boone asked as to what work Simeon's Lawncare performed during the winter to which Superintendent Woodward stated none. Simeon's bills their contract monthly for budgeting purposes. Paloian asked what work MacAllister Machinery performed to which Woodward stated it was for welding repairs to the District's Vactor truck. Woodward added that the truck was bought new in 2008, and a new cyclone is estimated to be \$87,000.00. Delorey commented on a payment made to Alliance of Indiana regarding classes for Ryan Cramer. Woodward noted that he is using a new vendor, Z&M Enterprise, to purchase UV lights. Woodward added that the previous vendor shipped from Canada and with the current tariffs in place, would have cost the district \$36,000.00; in previous years, the lights were only \$5,000.00. Z&M Enterprise ships from Washington and the lights cost \$3,100.00. After review, the motion to approve the January Claims as presented was made by Dumford and seconded by Board Member DeWitt.

**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to Approve the January Claims List passed.

Boone noted to the Board that Office Manager Delorey had a name change in December 2025 that changed her last name from Bush to Delorey. Delorey thanked Boone for notifying the Board.

### Report of Officers:

There were no officer reports.

### Reports of Committees, Consulting Engineers, Attorneys, and/or Superintendent:

Boxberger presented Resolution 2026-1-1 to Amend and Restate Credit Card. Boxberger explained the District had approved obtaining a credit card with a \$5,000.00, however the card was issued with a \$50,000.00 limit. Boxberger clarified this resolution would allow the District to obtain a credit card with a \$5,000.00 limit and use the card with the larger limit only for emergency purposes. Woodward added that he hopes to never have to use the emergency card, however if needed it would be used to purchase water for the mobile home park. DeWitt suggested another person along with Woodward be authorized to use the card. Boone suggested Mikolajczak due to the fact he was in the area more throughout the year than other Board members. Woodward stated he believed Ryan Cramer was listed as an authorized user. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-1-1 was made by Paloian and seconded by Mikolajczak.

**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to Approve Resolution 2026-1-1 passed.

Boxberger continued by addressing a letter that will be sent out to property owners in Fascination Place. The letter agreement asks property owners to allow temporary access for the District to connect the old shut offs to the new meters on private property at no charge. Boxberger stated that if property owners did not allow temporary access, the homeowner would have to pay to connect the line themselves from the right of way.

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Boxberger then addressed Senate Bill 187. Boxberger stated the bill was based off of issues that occurred at the Marshall County Regional Sewer District and will make significant changes to Regional Sewer District laws. Boxberger expressed concern to the portion of the bill stating that a District Trustee would serve at the pleasure of their appointee, which is not normal language, adding that politics change frequently and a Board Member could be replaced at any moment. Adding that Regional Sewer Districts have remained independent for a reason. Boxberger also expressed concern that a District would be required to consult with the District Authority and obtain permission to exercise any powers written in the state statute. Boxberger continued by stating he is also concerned regarding the portion that covers debt issuance; however, this portion has already seen amendments and now only applies to Districts formed after June 30, 2026. Boxberger is currently working with lobbyists of Alliance of Indiana and Ice Miller and is drafting an email for the committee. Adding that the hearing is tomorrow at 7 a.m. Boxberger continued that the bill is actively changing, however he expressed sincere concern on how this would affect Sewer Districts should it be passed. Boxberger stated he doubts the bill will get struck and is hopeful for a compromise; adding that this bill is dangerous for newer Districts. Boxberger suggested Board Members reach out to their State Representatives and share their concerns. Boxberger noted another concern is that the bill would be passed without people actual reading the bill and not realizing its implications. Boxberger finished by stating Senators are listening to concerns and this bill would affect newer Districts' ability to obtain funding for large projects.

John Magsam of Jones and Henry Engineers announced the permits for the Water Project have been submitted to IDEM, who has 90 days to approve them, and the project plans are open for bid. Magsam added that he is aware of four interested parties and a pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's office on Thursday January 22, 2026 at 10 a.m. Magsam continued that a permit for each street in Fascination Place was sent to the Highway Department. Magsam stated Jones & Henry has been receiving positive calls from potential contractors and there is interest in both open cut and direction drilling. Magsam expressed concern that directional drilling may cause the ground to shake excessively and cause the older pipes to break. Also, open cutting next to brittle lines may have issues as well. Continuing that the pre-bid meeting may help determine which option is best for the area. Magsam added that directional drilling would cause the least amount of damage to the ground. Boone expressed concern over contractors digging up the road during the project to which Boxberger stated the park has wide plated right of ways and should reduce or prevent any digging in the road.

Magsam then commented on work being done on Treasure Island Road and stated the lines in the affected area are going to be videoed to ensure no issues or breaks were present before any work began. Boxberger added that his office had sent a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Schrock Construction, who refused to sign. Adding that there is little the District could do without going to court. Boxberger added there was no easement on the road, however the area where Schrock Construction plans to dump has an easement and Schrock Construction would be liable for damages.

Magsam announced that Delorey had been nominated to be the Treasure for the Northern Indiana Operators Association (NIOA) as he and Woodward are both members. Delorey thanked Magsam and Woodward for nominating her and is thankful for the opportunity to meet new people and learn more about Sewer Districts in the area.

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Hersha presented two On-call contracts; one for Wastewater and one for Water. Hersha explained this will be used to work regarding the Fascination Place and future Enchanted Hills project and will clearly show the breakdown of work for State Board of Accounts (SBOA) purposes and classification for future reimbursement. Hersha continued that he plans on renewing on-call contracts more often as the last one was from 2024. A motion to approve the 2026 On-call Wastewater and 2026 On-Call Water contracts not to exceed \$10,000 (each) was made by DeWitt and seconded by Dumford.

**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to Approve the two 2026 On-Call Contracts passed.

Delorey commented on the financial work currently being done by Madalyn Sade-Bartl of MSB Municipal Solutions. Delorey stated she believes Sade-Bartl is an asset to the District and has been incredibly helpful in organizing the District's finances. Delorey stated Sade-Bartl has been correcting financial entries made in 2025 and is making incredibly timely progress given the scope of the work. Delorey added she is hopeful Sade-Bartl will have all corrections completed by March and her training will continue. Woodward added Sade-Bartl would be training Delorey on state reports and other necessary financial reports.

Woodward thanked Lilli Dwyer of The Paper for interviewing him regarding what he had accomplished for the District in 2025. Woodward presented a plaque that highlighted a magazine article regarding the increase in the plant's capacity. Continuing, the Annual Report shows the District moved 108 million gallons of water at 88% capacity with no violations. Woodward then stated he was not happy with the work being done on Treasure Island, adding the road will be closed for two weeks. Boone commented that he was surprised the Department of Natural Resources gave permission to Schrock Construction to perform the work.

Woodward continued by stating he is working on lowering the District's Verizon bills and is obtaining a quote from LigTel to connect to a nearby fiber line and is integrating an Avengor system at the Lift Stations. Woodward added that he would like to move away from physical modems at the Lift Stations and move to the cloud.

### New Business:

Dumford commented on the 30 Lift Stations and the high NIPSCO bills and asked if there were any alternatives in an energy provider. Delorey stated part of the reason this month's bills were high was due to past due amounts from 2024 finally being paid. Delorey added she has a spreadsheet breaking down each Lift Station showing the cost and usage amount that she will provide at the next board meeting. Delorey also stated she could explore the budgeting system NIPSCO offers. Woodward noted that some Lift Stations have natural gas and three separate companies provide power throughout the District. DeWitt asked to look at copies of actual bills and asked if pumps could be delayed at night. Woodward responded that creating delays at the Lift Stations would cause more issues that outweigh potential money savings. Board Member Young asked if the District would switch gas suppliers to which Woodward stated it would be too expensive as every regulator would have to be changed. Hersha added that solar power is not a practical option for the Lift Stations, noting that increases in Data Centers and AI usage will have long term effects on rates. Hersha did note that solar power may work for the Plant one day.

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General Public Business:

Lilli Dwyer of The Paper asked for clarification on what magazine the news article Woodward presented was published in too which Woodward stated it was in Southwest Water Works Journal. Dwyer also asked what amounts the on-call contracts were set to which Hersha stated \$10,000 each.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dumford and seconded by Mikolajczak.


**Roll Call Vote:** In favor- Jim Boone, Robert Dumford, Don DeWitt, Dan Mikolajczak, Brad Fishburn, Jim Young, and Rick Paloian. Against- None. Vote to adjourn the meeting passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Dated February 2, 2026

  
James Boone, President

  
Emily Delorey, Office Manager

  
Timothy S. Woodward, Superintendent