

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
April 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Wise, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Tri-Lakes District Office, 5240 N. Old 102, Columbia City, IN.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Travis Minear, Priscilla Peters, Ruth Orr, Bill Brice, Carol Martin and Kristin Pease. Heather Thompson was also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS' INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Carol made a motion to approve the March regular board minutes as written, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0). Priscilla made a motion to accept financial reports, Bill Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was received from Hess, Hess & Donnelson Attorney's at Law regarding Blue Lake Area Conservancy District wanting to know if they District would possibly be interested in Blue Lake sending their sewage to the ponds for treatment. After much discussion, Ruth motioned to let the attorney's know we would entertain the idea and would like more information, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0). The board discussed a 5% rate increase on operation and maintenance, billing, and improvement fund portions of the bill for June 1, 2025, and increase the New Connection Fee to \$13,800 and voted to hold a public hearing at the district office on May 12th, at 5:30 pm. Ruth motioned to hold meeting for Sewer Rate Ordinance 2025-1 and Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

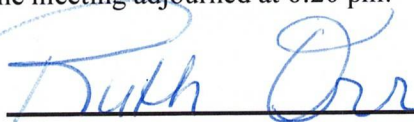
OLD BUSINESS

GRW Engineering replied to the letter sent by the Trustees about the change order totaling \$16,480 that was received date 12/10/2024, that they would not be paying any amount towards the change order as it needed to be done. After much discussion, Ruth motioned to have Heather send a letter to GRW Engineering on behalf of the Trustees on the disappointment on them to stand by the contract and communication standards set forth and to cut the change order check to API for the change order, and Priscilla seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0).

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather let the Trustees know that Mike Franke passed away in February, but the family will be taking over the business and has contacted the office for this year's calibrations.

With nothing more to discuss, Priscilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0). The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.



Ruth Orr, Secretary