

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
September 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Carol Martin, 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 Ruth Orr, Kristin Pease, Brad Staats and Bill Brice. Travis Minear was absent. Heather Thompson was also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS' INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Tom Childers – Called and emailed office about smell at Station D. He was also concerned about smoke coming out of the building some days and about covid in the wastewater. The Trustees wrote a response for Heather to send to him.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Kristin made a motion to approve the July regular board minutes as written, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0). Ruth made a motion to accept financial reports, Brad Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

The Station D Busch Vacuum pump has quit. The new one was installed that was at the station. Heather reached out to Airvac and they have a trade-in program for a new pump and motor in exchange for a old one that is no longer working. The starting costs is \$15,887 and could have some additional add-ons depending on condition. New pumps without trade-in begin at over \$35,000. After much discussion, Brad motioned to proceed with the trade-in, Kristin seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic planning discussion was about focusing on the maintenance contract coming up and having RFPs out by the end of the week from Matt Shipman.

Matt Shipman reached out to Murray Asphalt to no avail. After much discussion, Ruth motioned to move forward with Steel Curtain Asphalt Maintenance quote for office parking lot at \$2338, Brad Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Heather has not had any inquiries on Etna-Troy Township board member.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Board continued discussion on maintenance contract on dates and a general explanation of the process for newer members.

With nothing more to discuss, Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brad Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by five (5) to zero (0). The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.



Bradford Staats, Secretary

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