

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
May 13, 2024

**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 Chalk 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. Priscilla made a motion to approve the April regular board minutes as written, Ruth Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0) with one (1) abstain. Carol made a motion to accept financial reports, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Heather was asked about the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sewers being in. She asked the Trustees if they would like to advertise this in some way. After much discussion, Heather will get a banner for the front yard or front of the building.

Heather is not able to attend the June 10 meeting and asked if it would be possible to move to another day. After much discussion, the next regular board meeting will be Thursday, June 13 at 4:30 pm to accommodate the majority of the Trustees' schedules.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Heather let the Trustee's know that the INDOT permit to go under 109 for Bishop's main and Dillree service line have been approved.

The County Line Lift Station is moving forward, but no timeline has been communicated.

Station B (Spear Rd) generator has been reviewed by Evapar and a proposal of Evapar not charging the difference swap the 50 Kw unit for a 80 Kw unit with upsized 100 Kw alternator of approx. \$8,000 and the District pay for removal of 50 Kw and Install of the 80 Kw.

**TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT**

To start the public hearing for the proposed rate increase of 5% per bill. Which amounts to \$1.68.

**RATE HEARING MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

This hearing was held for public comments on the board's proposed and approved 5% rate increase per bill, to be effective 6/1/2024.

Donald Smith – 7885 N Arnold Rd- Asked the Trustees when the bond would fall off for phase 2 since he thought it was already supposed to. Carol let him know it would fall off at the end of 2027.

Tom requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2024-1. Carol made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Ruth. Verbal vote of each board member to approve the ordinance was made.

Priscilla Peters – Yes, Tom Wise – Yes, Carol Martin –Yes, Travis Minear –Yes, Ruth Orr –Yes, Bill Brice – Yes, Kristen Pease – Yes.

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Rate Ordinance 2024-1 passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

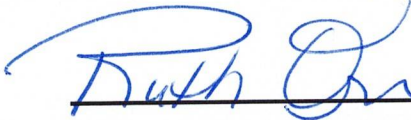
Priscilla motioned to close the rate hearing meeting and Ruth Seconded it; verbal vote carried seven (7) to zero (0). Tom then closed this portion of the meeting at 5:35 pm and the regular meeting resumed.

Heather let the Trustees know machinery will need to be rented to remove the current generator and to install a new one due to the size of the generator and the hill at the station. Rider Electric had also sent in their proposal regarding the cost of the swap to get the new unit up and running of \$5,600. After much discussion, the Trustees asked Heather to send a counter proposal to Evapar that in addition to the difference between the 50Kw and the 80Kw not being charged to the District, but also for Evapar to pay the Rider Electric portion of the install of approx. \$5,600 and to have Evapar acknowledge the 50 Kw generator that is being removed is as is. No repairs will be done by the District. Heather will get back with Trustees on their response.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

The Trustees verified that the intern Lexi would be back for summer. Heather said she would let Lexi know.

With nothing more to discuss, Carol 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 5:50 pm.



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Ruth Orr, Secretary