

MINUTES  
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
May 12, 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, Ruth Orr, Bill Brice, Carol Martin and Kristin Pease. Priscilla Peters was absent. 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. Bill 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). Carol made a motion to accept financial reports, Travis Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried six (6) to zero (0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Heather asked if the June meeting could be moved. After much discussion, the meeting is moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, June 16, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No updates from Blue Lake CD.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Heather did not have any updates.

With nothing more to discuss, Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Travis Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by six (6) to zero (0). The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

To start the public hearing for the proposed rate increase of 5% per bill. Which amounts to \$1.77.

**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 6/1/2025.

Peter Albertson – 159 W 700N, Columbia City- Wanted to know how long rate increases would keep happening? He feels the increase has been done the last 15 years each year and where is the money going.

Dan Evans – 1861 E Schug Rd, Columbia City – Had the same questions as Peter and wants the increase rejected.

After much discussion, Carol explained the difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2 bond issue being paid until 2028.

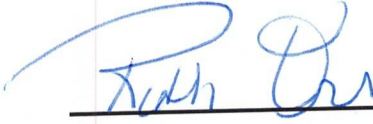
Tom requested a motion to accept, reject or delay approval of Sewer Rate Ordinance 2025-1. Carol made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by Ruth. A verbal vote of each board member to approve the ordinance was made.

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

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Rate Ordinance 2025-1 passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

Carol motioned to close the rate hearing meeting and Ruth Seconded it; verbal vote carried six (6) to zero (0). Tom then closed this portion of the meeting at 5:40pm.



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Ruth Orr, Secretary