

**MINUTES OF A 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 the said District, 4852 North 1200 West, Cromwell, Indiana, on the 19th of August 2024. 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 already 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 you will be allowed 2 minutes for your comment or discussion of your question.

President Boone called for the roll of members of the Board shown to be present or absent is as follows:

PRESENT

Robert Dumford
James Boone
Donald Dewitt
James Young
Dan Mikolajczak

ABSENT

Jeff Herdrich
Brad Fishburn

Also present were Andy Boxberger of Carson LLP, John Magsam of Jones and Henry Engineering, Jane Bauer Assistant Office Manager, Karen and Michael Williams of Microbyte, Pam Johns-Office Manager and Timothy Woodward, District Superintendent. There was also a reporter from The Paper present.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from July 15, 2024 regular meeting.

After review Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dewitt and carried.

After reviewing the claims (type of batteries in lift station radios, flange block bearings from Lakeside and type of furnace in new pole building) the motion was made by Trustee Mikolajczak to pay claim #'s 5730-52, 5754-66, 5769 and 5774 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 2594-97 from the Water Fund and check #'s 21080, 21259, 261, 21320-34 and 21350-67 from the O & M Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young and carried.

Tim reported that the Alliance of Indiana (Rural Water) required lead and copper report has been submitted. Since the original report was submitted stating lead and copper - "unknown" the Alliance of Indiana (Rural Water) required checking 25 (15 plus 10 backups) water properties for lead. We did qualify for a free program and the inspections were done last week. They selected the homes to check for lead or copper fittings. No lead was found.

Tim stated that the test well has not been completed due to the ground being too wet. When checking the 3 wells they all seem to be working well even with all the farm irrigation running. The well in the building may need replacing and due to new state regulations it would have to be relocated. Tim will keep the Board updated as to his recommendations for updates at the Water Plant.

Tim had Attorney Boxberger review Resolution 2024-05 which gives Tim the authority to sign the sludge permit which is up for renewal with IDEM. Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to accept Resolution 2024-05 giving Tim the authority to sign the Sludge Permit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dumford and carried.

Tim did get the invoice corrected from Webb Chemical. They had incorrectly figured the dry tons and % of ferric incorrectly. We will be receiving a \$4523.00 credit on the next shipment.

Tim had Steve and Ryan change the brushes on the screener. The District saved \$10,000-\$15,000 by doing it ourselves.

Tim reviewed the Mason Engineering bill on the claims list. We had a check valve installed on one of the clarifiers to prevent sludge from going into the ditch. Both John and Tim reviewed the specs and found check valves had been installed on all but one clarifier, so now that this valve has been installed there should be no problem with possible flow going into the ditch.

Tim reported that the District had received 600 locate requests in the last 60 days of which approximately 80% had to be marked. The other 20% requested were in the District but in areas where there is no service available.

We were notified of a problem on Ross Drive and found our line had been broken by a company doing directional boring. A locate had been requested in 2021. The District did 2 locates in the area and put flags down but the company says the District did not mark it with enough (or any) green paint. It has taken days to find and start to fix the line which is sitting water. Tim has contacted the insurance company and was told if the broken line was within 1000 feet of a lift station it might be covered.

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Tim will keep the Board updated as to the repairs and cost. So far the cost is at \$12000.00. Per Niblock if the line needs replacing the cost would be approximately \$90,000.00. The high cost is due to the dewatering that would be necessary. So far the locates that were requested along the SWAP area were completed with no hits.

Tim had applied for a grant and was notified the District has qualified for up to a \$50,000 training fund from the Indiana Alliance. Tim will be submitting paperwork for locate training within the next two weeks.

Due to very heavy rain (4") the force main got locked up and there was a small overflow on Cherokee Road. This has been taken care of and reported to IDEM.

After reviewing the run times from Northshore/Eastshore it appears everything is tight. Even after the 4" rain run times were not up.

Trustee Dumford asked about the Buttermilk generator and if repairs had been made. Tim reported that both WW Williams and NIPSCO had checked on the lift station generator and it is now working.

Attorney Boxberger reported that with the preliminary SRF list that came out it does not appear that the District is qualifying for either water or sewer funding.

Attorney Boxberger will be getting all the information for work that both has to be done and things the District would like to do. He will review this information with Baker Tilly, also he will check available rates and funding options.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Mikolajczak made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Trustee Dumford seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

September 23, 2024


James Boone, President

Respectfully, submitted by:


Pam Johns, Office Manager

