

**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 20th of January 2025. 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

James Boone
Brad Fishburn
Robert Dumford
Jeff Herdrich

ABSENT

Donald Dewitt
Dan Mikolajczak
James Young

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

The meeting opened with the election of officers for the year 2025. Trustee Dumford made the motion to maintain and keep the officers in the same positions in 2025 that served in 2024. After discussion the motion was seconded by Trustee Fishburn and carried. The officers for 2025 are President-James Boone, Vice President-Robert Dumford and Secretary/Treasurer-Donald Dewitt.

President Boone verified that each Board Member had a copy of the minutes from December 16, 2024 regular meeting. After review Trustee Herdrich made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fishburn and carried.

After reviewing the claims (lap top and expenses for the apprentice training program, tank rings for a tank on Treasure Island and the cost of purchasing a hopper) the motion was made by Trustee Dumford to pay claim #'s 6216-17 from the Water Fund and 6173-75, 6180-6215 and 6218-19 from the Sewer O & M Fund. Also approved were check #'s 21806-11, 21826-59, 21868-9 and 6148EFT from the O & M Fund and check #'s 6216-17 from the Water Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herdrich and carried.

Tim stated that he and Trustee Dewitt had been working on a budget format that the District could start using. Tim did receive an example budget form from Baker Tilly that he is using as reference. He hopes to have one ready for Board review in March or April.

Since the District is looking at perhaps having to do a rate increase Tim reviewed the rates since 1997 and the service area expansions done including Black Point, Swap, Northshore/Eastshore, Vawter Park and the NEAR project. The sewer lines in the trailer park were also relined and plant improvements were also made during this time. After reviewing rates in the state we found that we fall in the bottom tier of Districts of similar size. After reviewing the growth of the District (62 %) which now includes 30 lift stations and 22 generators. Per IDEM the plant has to be sized and maintained for the 4th of July holiday even though many of the customers are not year round residents. This has all been done without any permit violations. Tim stated that he is trying to keep cost down but the fact is the District cost for operation has doubled over the last four years. Attorney Boxberger said that Baker Tilly has stated that grant money would not be available to Districts which have sewer rates less than \$100.00/month. Tim gave an example of cost. The District used to pay .36/gal for ferric chloride-he last week paid .65/gal.

When looking at the District there are certain thing^s that need to be done. This includes moving the lines along Elli Lilly, moving the Buttermilk lift station and improving Enchanted Hills so the lots can be built on as we get requests weekly inquiring about available service. Septic and well requirements have changes and many of the lots are now too small to install septic systems. When asked if the plant was big enough for new customers Tim stated that the engineers are working on a 20 year projection. Also Attorney Boxberger pointed out that costs have doubled, funding is worse and interest rates are terrible. As a result any expansion would have to involve a rate increase. Trustee Dumford stated the 2.5% interest bond programs are no longer available.

President Boone introduced Stan Rice who presented the 2025 commercial insurance rates. In 2024 the cost was \$74604.00. The 2025 rate is \$82636.00 which also covers an million increase in coverage. Stan did state he is worried about Elli Lilly and feels that it has to be fixed.

Tim did reviewed the plan he has for moving Buttermilk getting the pressure off of the force main.

Jeff Hersha stated that SRF will be sending a check – approx. 10,000.00 for the balance of 2021 SRF funding.

Jeff, after reviewing the District's financing discovered that the District rate has beat inflation over the last 20 years.


John stated that the concrete project came in over \$150,000.00 so District will have to go out for bids.

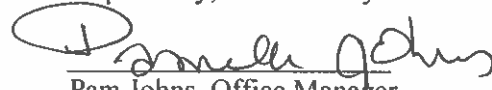
After discussion Trustee Dumford made the motion to go out for bids for the aeration improvement project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Herdrich and carried.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Trustee Dumford made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Fishburn seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

February 17, 2025

Respectfully, submitted by:


James Boone, President


Pam Johns, Office Manager