



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Memorandum

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Carl Mills, Treasurer Jane Merrill, Secretary Michael McDonald, members, Steve Pittman, Eric Hand, Loren Matthes, and Jeff Hill. Others in attendance were Utility Director Andrew Williams, Legal Counsel Anne Poindexter, Engineering Manager Wes Merkle, Controller Cindy Sheeks and Administrative Assistant Maggie Crediford. Jeff Kimbell and Amanda Foley were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Owner of Strongbox Commercial out of Zionsville, Paul Kite, addressed the Board. He asked the Board if TriCo can extend its sewer service to the Hamilton County Executive airport since it is so close to the service area. Mrs. Poindexter explained that a request to extend service would need to be made by a municipality or other qualifying entity. She explained that she is not sure if the Hamilton County Executive Airport would qualify for that or if the request would need to be made by the county or the Town of Zionsville. Mr. Kite said he appreciated the information and would reach out to his contacts to see what the next steps might be. The property is part of Hamilton Southeastern Utility's service area so there would need to be an explanation and agreement or a legal proceeding to decide if Hamilton Southeastern is equipped to service the area in a timely manner and how the service can be provided by another utility if they cannot.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MEMORANDUM

Ms. Merrill made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025, Board meeting memorandum. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Ms. Sheeks said there were some open invoices that were not paid from last year that are reflected in this month's docket report. Other than that, there were normal monthly expenses. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the claims docket. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion. Mr. Hand asked about the number of charges from Cincinnati Insurance. Ms. Sheeks said Cincinnati handles the property insurance and cybersecurity insurance for the plant. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Poindexter gave an update on pending litigation with Jordan JS. The Utility filed a claim against them for not rendering payments agreed to by the parties for their share of the Haver Way Project which removed a private lift station installed a new lift station owned by TriCo. Their attorney responded, saying the claim calls for arbitration, which is correct, but since Mrs. Poindexter had been unable to reach them, she filed the claim to protect TriCo's interests in the matter. They have asked if TriCo would accept a lesser amount. Mrs. Poindexter asked the

Board, against recommendation by Staff, if she could go back settled for \$50,000 instead of the \$56,000, they owe. Ms. Merrill made a motion to allow Mrs. Poindexter to make the offer for Jordan JS to pay TriCo \$50,000 to resolve the issue. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Poindexter said in relation to the TPI claim, the attorneys have been working on a case management order which sets deadlines for discovery. At this time no depositions have been scheduled. Currently there is an attorney's conference scheduled for April 6, 2025.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams said an educational mural has been installed on the outside of the lab wall. It is a whimsical drawing that shows TriCo's water treatment process from start to finish. The staff is hoping to incorporate it into tours. He invited the Board members to view it before leaving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Merrill said the Budget and Finance Committee did not meet and had no action items.

Personnel & Benefits Committee

Mr. Hand said the Personnel and Benefits Committee did not meet and had no action items.

Capital & Construction Committee

Mr. Hill said the Capital and Construction Committee met just before this meeting and have some items for consideration.

Dedications

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the sanitary sewer dedications for Flora at Springmill 2 and the Edge. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Lift Station 3 Pump Replacement

Mr. Merkle explained that Lift Station 3 is located at 116th Street and College Avenue. The existing pumps have been in service for 14 years and one has experienced a catastrophic failure. Quotes were received for new pumps. Mr. Merkle recommended purchasing new Flygt pumps to keep continuity within the system as well as matching the current control panel configuration. The use of an alternative pump brand would require substantial modification of the control panel. Mr. Hill made a motion to award the Lift Station 3 Pump Replacement contract to Xylem in the amount of \$28,042.50, noting that costs to fit the other pumps quoted would be significant. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Lift Station 28 Pump and Control Panel Purchase

Mr. Hill said Staff's request is to approve the purchase of Flygt pumps and control panel at Lift Station 28 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Mr. Merkle said this is the temporary lift station at the Union Woodlands project. The developer is paying for the lift station, but TriCo is procuring the equipment to ensure quality and continuity when the lift station is eventually dedicated into TriCo's collections system. The developer will reimburse TriCo for the expenses per the previously approved Union Woodlands Sewer Service Agreement. Mr. Merkle received some

quotes earlier in the afternoon and shared that information with the Board. Mr. Merkle said he does not yet have a quote for the control panel equipment. Mr. Merkle said staff is asking the Board to approve the best quote received for the project. The entire project will not cost more than \$75,000. Mr. Merkle received a quote that included about 95 percent completion of the project for \$56,900, which indicates that the entire project should be under the \$75,000 limit. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the purchase of Lift Station 28 pumps and peripherals from Xylem in the amount of \$40,635.50 and approve purchasing new control panels from the lowest most responsible quoter in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#2503 WRRF Pump and Controls Replacement

This project includes replacing dry-pit submersible pumps WASP5501 & RASP5501 which both withdraw sludge from Clarifier 4 and have been in service for 20 years. Aging VFDs and controls will be updated for reliability and consistency with other clarifiers. Existing pumps are Flygt. All three manufacturers that quoted have a good reputation in the industry. While TriCo has long preferred Flygt pumps for consistency in stocking spare parts and staff familiarity with maintenance and repair, staff has had positive experiences with KSB and Grundfos as well. Changing to KSB or Grundfos would separately require modifications to suction and discharge piping, as well as the pump stands, which have different dimensions among pump manufacturers, adding substantial cost to the project. Staff's recommendation is to approve the purchase of WASP5501 & RASP5501 replacement pumps from Xylem Water Solutions for \$53,539.75. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the purchase of WASP5501 & RASP5501 replacement pumps from Xylem Water Solutions for \$53,539.75. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY COMMITTEE

Mr. McDonald said the Committee met on February 21, 2025. There are no action items for the Board to consider. The Committee had a positive meeting with the managed services representatives, and learned a great deal about roles, responsibilities and the system backup.

OLD BUSINESS

Carmel Rate Increase

Mr. Williams said in January Carmel presented TriCo with an updated treatment cost contract, and a wholesale rate study report, which recommended a 13.34 percent increase in the treatment rate TriCo pays them. The staff believes this is a reasonable increase given it has been 5 years since the last increase. No action is needed by the Board because the agreement takes automatic effect if there is no objection from TriCo to the terms. The contract will take effect in April.

HCRUD Management Agreement Draft

Mr. Williams said HCURD had their monthly Board meeting earlier in the day which he attended. They discussed they will be having their public hearing in a couple of weeks regarding rates. Staff received a proposed contract from HCRUD. The scope and details of the agreement are being reviewed and proposed changes or updates will be returned to them for consideration.

LEC Interceptor Extension Easements

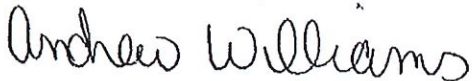
Mr. Williams said new appraisals are complete. There are six properties. He is requesting Board direction on how to proceed with offer letters. Should they be presented to the property owners now or wait until the Union Woodlands project is complete. There are a couple property owners interested in sewer service and a few that are not. Mrs. Poindexter asked the Board to authorize herself and staff to pursue easement agreements with interested parties, and once those are secured, work towards agreements with the less interested parties. Mr. McDonald made a motion to authorize negotiations for easement agreements with interested property owners. Mr. Hand seconded the motion. Mr. Hill said he believes the Board should go after all the easements needed for the project at once and would be voting nay. The vote was taken and passed 5-1 with Mr. Hill voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

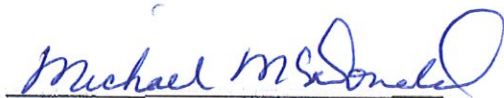
Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Williams
Utility Director

Approved:

☐ as Presented
☒ as Amended



Michael McDonald, Secretary



Carl Mills, President