



## BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

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Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m.  
Memorandum

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 5:20 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Matthes moved to retain the current slate of officers for TriCo's Board of Trustees. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Mills said the 2026 Committees would remain the same.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public was present.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM**

Ms. Merrill moved to approve the December 8, 2025, Board Memorandum. Ms. Matthes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM**

Mr. McDonald moved to approve the memorandum for the December 8, 2025, Executive Session meeting. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET**

Ms. Foley moved to approve the claims' docket. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mrs. Poindexter said the judge in the TPI/Bowen litigation suggested the parties participate in mediation with attorney David Theising of the Law firm of Harrison & Moberly, located at Keystone at the Crossing. Mr. Theising is a well-respected construction litigation attorney. Mrs. Poindexter asked the Board to authorize her to pursue mediation based on the Judge's request. Mr. McDonald moved to authorize Mrs. Poindexter to engage in mediation regarding the TPI/Bowen litigation. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## **UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Williams said the first invoice went out in December to HCRUD. The total invoice was \$106,000. \$50,000 for labor; \$3,200 for TriCo equipment usage reimbursement; \$12,000 in fixed costs (about \$ 3,400 per month in shared expenses). And \$41,000 for reimbursables. This bill covered July through October 2025.

A new employee, Jacob McDonald, was hired on January 5, 2026, to fill the new Plant and Field Technician position. This position was created to cover work in TriCo's plant and collections system while other employees are working at HCRUD. Jacob was a summer intern at TriCo for the past four years and recently graduated from Purdue with a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

Mr. Williams handed out his proposed 2026 Goals and Objectives Summary. He encouraged the Board members to review it and to reach out to him with any suggestions, questions, concerns, or updates. Mr. Williams is preparing a presentation to share with the appointing entities.

Mr. Williams asked the Board if they are available on February 24<sup>th</sup> for the Board Appreciation dinner. No one said they were not.

Mr. Williams said there are bills before the Indiana legislature that could impact TriCo. He provided an overview of those and will monitor their progress through the legislative process.

## **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. Mills said the Personnel and Benefits Committee did not meet and had no action items.

### **Capital & Construction Committee**

Ms. Foley said the Capital and Construction Committee did not meet and had no action items.

### **Infrastructure Security Committee**

Mr. McDonald said the Infrastructure Security Committee did not meet and had no action items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Williams*

Andrew Williams  
Utility Director

Approved:

       as Presented  
X as Amended

*Michael McDonald*

Michael McDonald, Secretary

*Carl Mills, President Treasurer*