



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday May 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Memorandum

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING- SEWER RATE ORDINANCE 4.09.2024

Mr. Mills read Ordinance 4.09.2024 into the record. An ordinance establishing a Utility-wide schedule of monthly user rates, late fees, connection fees, interceptor fees, application fees, reinspection fees and charges to be collected from the owners of property served by the sewage works of TriCo Regional Sewer Utility and matters connected therewith, replacing Ordinance 05-9-2022. Mr. Mills opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. There was no one present from the public. Mr. Mills closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM

Ms. Merrill made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024, Board Meeting memorandum. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the claims docket. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wyatt explained that if the Board approves the proposed rate ordinance, which would be a greater than five percent rate increase for certain customers, it will trigger the need for a District Authority Appeals Board, should there be objections. Hamilton County has appointed Steve Dillinger. Boone and Marion counties have not made their appointments yet. Letters explaining the rights and pathway to file an objection to the rate increase to the affected customers will need to be sent by TriCo within seven days of the approval. An objection must be filed within 30 days.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Staff received an update from HSE regarding the fees TriCo provided them. HSE is working on their Master Plan, the IURC insisted HSE update their master plan for both of their service areas before moving forward with any projects, after an issue they had with Noblesville. Staff will update the Board as new information becomes available. Mr. Pittman said the Bradley Ridge Rezone project has been approved through the Town of Zionsville.

Ms. Merrill asked about the fire at Jacquie’s and if the staff had any information. Mr. Williams said the fire appears to have started in the massage parlor next door and not at Jacquie’s café, but she had substantial damage and is looking for a temporary location. Currently the staff has no further information.

SECOND READING SEWER RATE ORDINANCE 4.09.2024

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Ms. Foley left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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

Capital & Construction Committee

PLANT ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mr. Pittman made a motion to award the roof replacements construction contract to Cox Roofing for \$44,126. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SERVER REPLACEMENT

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve purchasing the new server from Core Managed for \$39,924.37. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

LACOMA ESTATES LOW PRESSURE MAIN EXTENSION

Mr. Pittman made a motion to award the Lacoma Estates Low Pressure Main Extension construction contract to Circle City Lining for \$36,004, pending a commitment to connect from the property owner requesting service. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion. Mr. Hand asked if there were any concerns about the bid being much lower than the other quotes. Mr. Merkle said he is comfortable with the bid and the contractor. The property owner has already paid their connection fees. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMERCE DRIVE MAIN EXTENSION

Mr. Pittman made a motion to award the Commerce Drive main Extension construction contract to T&T Sewer Service for \$39,100, pending a commitment to connect and extend the gravity main from the commercial property owner requesting the service. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion and asked if there was any concern about this bid being substantially lower than the others received. Mr. Williams said there was not. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEDICATION

Mr. Pittman made a motion to accept the dedication of Flora on Springmill Phase 1 sanitary Sewers. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, Mr. Pittman recused himself from voting due to prior involvement in the beginning phases of the project. The motion was unanimously approved with Mr. Pittman abstaining from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT SHORT LIST

Mr. Williams said TriCo was invited by the Hamilton County Commissioners to present and highlight TriCo's interest and capabilities to help Hamilton County operate their Regional Sewer District. Indiana American Water was the other firm asked to make a similar presentation and be interviewed. If TriCo is selected to go any further in the process the Board of Trustees would be involved in any negotiations that might take place. Mr. Mills, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Merrill, and Ms. Foley attended TriCo's presentation. .

Mr. McDonald asked about the road closure at the roundabout at 116th Street and Spring Mill Road. Mr. Williams explained that TPI hit the top of TriCo's sewer main when installing the force main extension which caused potential instability in the roadway. Mr. Merkle and Mr. Hartman assessed the situation and contacted the City of Carmel to allow for the shutdown of the road until the necessary repairs were completed. TPI got Bowen Construction to complete the project. Mr. Merkle stated that TPI is responsible for the damage.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Williams

Andrew Williams
Utility Director

Approved:

 X as Presented
 as Amended

Michael McDonald

Michael McDonald, Secretary

Carl Mills

Carl Mills, President

Jeffrey Kimbell, Vice President