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TWIN LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 10, 2006

*Approved
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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Jim Smith President
 Reggie Shireman Vice President
 Patrick Novotny Secretary
 Art Anderson Treasurer
 Wayne Garrison Board Member
 Larry Dunn Board Member
 Tom Pasquale Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT Mike Darter
ATTORNEY Donald Tribbett

ABSENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mr. Smith

A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 27, 2006 Board meeting by Mr. Novotny, second by Mr. Garrison

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Anderson presented a claim voucher for the operational and maintenance fund in the amount of \$21,174.71

A motion was made to approve the claim voucher by Mr. Dunn second by Mr. Novotny

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0

Mr. Anderson presented a claim voucher for the Phase III construction fund in the amount of \$3,777.00.

A motion was made to approve the claim voucher by Mr. Pasquale second by Mr. Shireman

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0

Mr. Smith commented that a project meeting needed to be held soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

Mr. Anderson reported the finance committee met with HJ Umbaugh Co. on August 2, 2006. John Julian of HJ Umbaugh made a presentation of the rate study. Mr. Julien recommended adjustments of the operation and maintenance portion of monthly fees to \$22.50 for all current service areas. The resulting rates for each service area would be Big Monon, \$55.00 per month, Snow Ditch, \$57.50 per month, Idaville, \$45.00 per month and Phase I & II, \$55.00 per month.

- Mr. Anderson commented about the rates and equalization factors and said the rates are right according to the rate study.
- Mr. Shireman asked if the committee had a chance to look at our operating costs and if they could be cut.
 - Mr. Anderson responded.
- Mr. Garrison asked why there were 2 different EDU counts and customer counts.
 - Mr. Anderson responded.
- Mr. Shireman asked Mr. Julian for an explanation.
 - Mr. Julien explained different people counted. The engineers counted the number of structures and the accountants attributed EDU designation to the structures counted by the engineer.
- Mr. Shireman asked if the new condos were included in the count
 - Mr. Tierney responded.

Projects:

Mr. Pasquale reported the committee met and discussed the 300 ft rule. The committee is still reviewing all information and will bring a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

EX-OFFICIAL MEMBERS

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Darter reported on the incidents and complaints from the prior two weeks. There were 16 incident reports and 10 complaints. Mr. Darter stated that most of the incidents were warranty issues on the Phase I & II project.

Mr. Darter reported there were 151 permits left to be issued in Phase I and 51 left in Phase II.

Mr. Darter reported that certified letters being sent to all customers not connected or having a permit.

Mr. Darter presented a draft Policy 2006-1, copying fees and charges, and requested approval.

- Mr. Tribbett asked about copies we can't make.
 - Mr. Darter responded.
- Mr. Anderson commented that the purposed copying fees were too low and we should raise them to \$.05 and \$.10.

Mr. Anderson made motion to set copying fees for 8 ½" x 11" and 8 ½" x 14" to \$0.05 / sheet and 11" x 17" to \$0.10 / sheet, seconded by Mr. Dunn

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0

Mr. Darter presented contract amendment #2, GRW and recommended approval of the contract amendment.

A motion was made to approve the contract amendment #2 by Mr. Pasquale, second by Mr. Shireman.

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0

Mr. Darter then presented a request from Mrs. Lindholms to have late fees removed from billing for July.

- Mr. Anderson stated that the District should give 1 free pass per year on late fees and made a motion to approve such with a 15 day grace period. The motion second by Mr. Garrison.

Vote Ayes 3 Nays 3 Mr. Shireman, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Pasquale,
Abstain 1 Mr. Smith

Motion fails

Mr. Dunn made motion to approve Lindholm request, solely because the District did not yet have an after hours drop box, second by Mr. Anderson

Vote Ayes 4 Nays 3, Mr. Shireman, Mr. Pasquale, Mr. Garrison

Mr. Anderson asked why the INDOT highway garage didn't have to connect to the Phase III project.

- Mr. Tribbett responded explaining they already have sewer permits.

Mr. Novotny asked if a vote was needed on the Umbaugh rate study

- Mr. Tribbett responded.

Mr. Garrison commented that he was pleased with the rates for Phase III from the rate study.

ATTORNEYS REPORTS:

Mr. Tribbett gave reports on Pump stations as follows:

Pump 1: Owned by the Schmidts and was being appraised now.

Pump 2: Delzell property was closed on Monday, July 31, 2006.

Pump 4: Caldwell property has 2 trustees, a brother in California and a sister in Florida. Deed signed by brother and was sent to sister who called to find out what it meant. After Mr. Tribbett explained she said she would sign and return the document, but she never has returned document. Mr. Tribbett said we should start condemnation suit.

Pump 5 The Crowel property agreement had been reached and closing set.

Mr. Tribbett reported that the Juntgen lawsuit counter claim was filed asking for the hook up and costs of all fees involved.

An appeal has been filed in response to the TLRSD's revised permit necessitated by the rerouting of the line but the judge said it was not legally sufficient as presented. They were given 30 days to amend their petition or be dismissed.

Mr. Anderson made comment that the Monticello spring building was for sale.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

GRW

Mr. Tierney reported a draft letter for the third notice to property owners for grinder easements. This notice will be sent to all property owners who have not sent a notarized easement to GRW or the District. Mr. Tierney estimates approximately 400 easements are outstanding.

- Mr. Garrison asked about main line right of way easements
 - Mr. Tierney responded.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Ousley, Tippecanoe Country Club, gave a brief history about time Bud Allen was in office and they had talked about 3 ½ EDUS being charged and asked why his rates are now based on 5.16 EDUS.

- An open discussion was held by all Board members and Mr. Darter.
- Mr. Shireman asked why not acknowledge mistake and correct it and then charge 5.16 EDU's from this date on so we can be constant with ordinances.
- Mr. Shireman said TCC should not have to pay back charges on a one time individual basis but rate will be 5.16 from now on.

A motion was made for TCC to be billed at rate of 5.16 EDU and all past due charges be removed by Mr. Shireman, second by Mr. Anderson.

Vote Ayes 5 Nays 2

Mr. Tierney explained about gallon usage and EDU's to Jim Ousley per Mr. Shireman's request.

Mr. Garrison and Mr. Anderson asked how many employees worked 40 hours

- Mr. Ousley responded.

Chris Vogel asked how a \$65.00 fee came up

- Mr. Garrison stated that all information will be posted on TLRSD web site.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Novotny, second by Mr. Anderson at 8.27 PM.

Vote Ayes 7 Nays 0