

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility

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Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 09, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

TriCo WRRF
7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Approval of Meeting Memorandum
 - a. Board Meeting March 11, 2024
- 4. Approval of Claims Docket
- 5. Attorney's Report
- 6. Utility Director's Report
 - a. Hamilton County Regional Utility District RFQ
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget & Finance Committee
 - b. Personnel & Benefits Committee
 - c. Capital & Construction Committee
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. First Reading of Rate Ordinance 4.09.2024
- 10. Adjourn



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday March 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m. <u>Memorandum</u>

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM

Ms. Merrill made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024, Board meeting memorandum. Ms. Foley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Ms. Sheeks said there was a payment to Lykins for the Lift Station 8 Construction Project of \$225,000. Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the claims docket. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Poindexter had no report.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams provided an update on negotiations with HSE. He indicated that system development costs (SDC) and proposed fees have been discussed and there are currently differences on these SDC.

Ms. Merrill said she appreciated the customer service story in the newsletter and appreciates the staff's willingness to help customers outside TriCo's normal scope of work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Merrill said there were two meetings discussing the rate study, but the committee has no action items for this meeting.

Personnel & Benefits Committee

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

Capital & Construction Committee

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the purchase of new pumps for the plant lift station and SHTs 4 & 5 from Xylem for \$43,927.60. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mills asked to table the rate study review until April when more Board members are present at the meeting. The Budget and Finance Committee will continue discussing the rate study at its meeting on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. and encouraged other Board members to attend that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Mills, President

Ms. Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Onche Williams
Utility Director
Approved:
as Presented as Amended
Michael McDonald, Secretary

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AROUND THE DISTRICT-



New Control Panel for Lift Station 14



New Pumps at the New Lift Station 16



Generators for Lift Stations 11 & 14



Parallel Lift Station 16 Force Main ready for installation

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Calendar of Events

April 9 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 24	P&B Meeting	7:30 a.m.
April 26	B&F Meeting	7:30 a.m.
May 6	C&C Meeting	4:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - CINDY SHEEKS

In February 2024, total revenue was \$740,488. It is up \$34,117 from January 2024 and \$46,408 above figures from February 2023. The Annual revenue projection for 2024 is \$8,550,000. February collections were 16.96% of the annual budget. Residential income was \$454,899 during the month, \$7,833 higher than February 2023. Commercial sales totaled \$220,781 in February 2024, \$16,915 higher than February 2023. The Other Revenue category (late fees, application fees, plan review fees) was \$18,425 in February. The Other Income category (interest, gains on asset disposal, miscellaneous revenue) was \$46,383 during the month.

Total operating expenses were \$478,904 in February. YTD spending is 16.15% of the 2024 Operating Budget of \$6,908,645. Total February 2024 spending was \$102,024 lower than expenses in February 2023. Wages and benefits spending totaled \$264,075 during the month. Administration spending was \$52,785 during February. Treatment costs totaled \$127,267 and collection costs totaled \$34,775 during the month.

Net income in February was \$217,549 after depreciation and amortization of CIAC.

Spending Breakdown in February:

Wages 55.14%
Administration 11.02%
Treatment Costs 26.57%
Collection Costs 7.26%

Interceptor fees collected in February were \$26,488. EDU fees collected during February were \$71,738.

Cash generated for February shows a net increase in all funds of \$81,060. Capital spending was \$284,940 in February for LS 8, 10 ,16, Bauer fittings, plant odor control replacement pumps and plasma cutter and a new plotter.

Cash on hand as of February 29, 2024 was \$12,602,582. The balances in the funds are listed below:

 Operating
 \$8,404,789

 Interceptor
 \$58,670

 Plant Expansion
 \$1,790,484

 Operating Reserve
 \$519,252

 Reserve for Replacement
 \$-48,511

 2020 Bond Funds
 \$1,877,898

 Total
 \$12,602,582

SAFETY UPDATE - LOREN PRANGE

In the month of March, we are pleased to report zero injuries, maintaining our impressive record of 793 days without a lost-time accident. Maggie and Loren represented our team at the monthly IWEA Safety Committee meeting.

The Zionsville Fire Department conducted its annual fire prevention walkthrough, identifying three violations that require attention. Specifically, we discovered two emergency lights with faulty batteries and identified one fire door that needs to remain closed without the hold-open device attached.

Our staff members underwent comprehensive safety training on March 26th, covering crucial topics such as Fall Protection and Emergency Action Plan (EAP). To further enhance our safety culture, we have implemented weekly safety tailgates using the online platform VING. This platform allows us to cover a variety of topics tailored to different departments, facilitating convenient scheduling for employees to fit training into their daily routines.

We have added bleeding control medical kits to specific locations within the treatment plant and company vehicles.

PLANT UPDATE - SCOT WATKINS

Plant staff completed 428 tasks in Cartegraph this month. The maintenance team swiftly addressed the oil leak in the top gear reducer of Clarifier 7, with TCI replacing both the gear reducer and motor under warranty. Following testing, the Trojan UV system has been reinstated and stands poised for the forthcoming disinfection season. Our commitment to safety and compliance was reaffirmed during the annual fire prevention inspection conducted by the Zionsville Fire Department, with all identified issues promptly rectified to ensure adherence to code. During a routine exercise, a fault was detected in the plant generator, the issue was resolved by Buckeye Power, who traced the issue to a loose fitting that allowed air into the fuel injectors. Additionally, proactive maintenance addressed the squealing of the odor control blower belt, with adjustments made to the motor plate ensuring optimal functionality.

One Hundred and fourteen pump-outs have been logged and accounted for over 43,000 gallons of FOG being prevented from entering the system this month. Twenty-three inspections were completed. Six violations were issued. One new business opened in the Villages of West Clay, Fundae's Ice Cream.

The laboratory performed 434 CBOD5 tests, 282 Total Suspended Solids (TSS) tests, 206 Phosphorus & Ammonia tests, 57 Total Nitrogen tests and 15 E. coli tests. Monthly Method Detection Limit studies were completed on TSS, Phosphorus, and Ammonia. Bob attended a Leadership Development Institute (LDI) class and worked on the Wastewater Challenge trophies.

COLLECTIONS UPDATE - AARON STRONG

The spring maintenance tasks undertaken by the Collections Department encompassed a range of activities aimed at ensuring optimal functionality of equipment and facilities. These included servicing the sewer cleaning truck, activating odor control mechanisms, and conducting thorough cleanings of lift station wet wells.

In the maintenance of the Aquatech sewer cleaning truck, significant upgrades were implemented. This involved the installation of a new 8-foot hydraulic boom cylinder, a 3-way ball valve, and a throttle potentiometer. Notably, all repair work was carried out in-house by the Collections Staff. Furthermore, Staff purchased a Marksman lift station cleaning nozzle. This upgrade significantly improves the precision and effectiveness of cleaning operations, enabling staff to target and remove accumulated solids and grease from manholes and lift stations, with a range of up to 20 feet.

The biannual lift station wet well cleaning initiative commenced in April, with a projected completion date set for mid-April. Meanwhile, inspections and repairs were conducted on odor control units situated at Lift Stations #1 and #17. These efforts included the installation of new air relief valves on the heat exchanger of the bio unit at Lift Station #1, as well as replacing the actuator and performing required RAS procedures on the Ecoverde unit at Lift Station #17, a routine startup practice for this time of year. Additionally, preparations were made for replacing the polishing media atop the Ecoverde unit in the upcoming month. Moreover, attention was given to a portable air scrubber unit, necessitating a motor replacement due to internal bearing failures, with all repairs executed by TriCo Staff.

To address issues of grease buildup and odor control, tests were conducted on mixers at Lift Stations #17 and #8, yielding promising initial results with visibly clear wet wells at both locations. Ongoing evaluation of these outcomes will be conducted throughout March. In collaboration with Cody, TriCo's contracted systems integrator, the Collections Department assisted in reconfiguring the control panel at lift station #11 to enable pump control by VFDs in both automatic and bypass modes. This modification eliminates redundant gear and optimizes the station's operational efficiency.

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION - WES MERKLE

Staff completed 314 locates, 33 I&I inspections and 33 lateral inspections in March. 1,873 locate requests were received and reviewed. Brandon reported no failed I&I inspections. Brandon completed lateral and I&I inspections and Nate completed locates the first two weeks. Nate attended the Excavation Safety Alliance national conference for underground utility locating in New Orleans. Jeff, Brandon and Eric completed locates while Nate was out. Tristan joined Engineering for two weeks assisting with locates and inspections. Nate completed GPS locating of low-pressure mains in four neighborhoods, made one blog post titled "10 Signs You May Have a Sewer Problem", and made nine social media posts. Eric observed construction at Hoosier Village. Jeff observed construction and testing at Flora, Bedford Falls, and Bridges. Ryan reviewed plans for Edge at West Carmel, a Marriott hotel, and the 96th/College roundabout. He reviewed and discussed sewer service for multiple other properties. Ryan and Wes continued construction coordination and inspection at Lift Station 16 and the Lift Station 26 force main projects. Wes continued coordination on Union Township sewer service, the rate study, and Lift Station 10 product submittal reviews.

At Lift Station 14 (Austin Oaks), new electrical gear and the control panel have been installed. The crew is nearly finished pulling and terminating wire. Once the new gear is ready for startup, the lift station will be bypassed while power feed and pump cables are moved over, and old equipment can then demolished. On the Lift Station 26 (Jacksons Grant) Parallel Force Main project, construction contractor TPI finally pulled in their first pipe run north of 116th Street at Jackson's Grant. This first run took much longer than anticipated due to adverse soil conditions as well as contractor staffing and equipment breakdown issues. Work will progress south towards 111th Street. Completion is anticipated late spring. At Lift Station 16 (Michigan/Sycamore Street), force main tie-in and lift station start up were completed. Construction contractor Ottenweller then demolished the original lift station. Punch list work remains. Staff requested quotes to build masonry columns at the four corner of the lift station that will match nearby development, and serve as corners for the wood privacy fence.

Birthdays

Matt Starr April 9 Lisa Davis April 12 Ryan Hartman April 15

Anniversaries

Jeff Martin April 1, 34 Years of Service Tristin Gardner, April 12, 3 Years of Service Scot Watkins, April 18, 19 Years of Service



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3/25/2024	4	Operating	Wolf Creek Portable Piping Products	\$583.04	\$583.04	CIP-Proj 2469 Bauer fittings R4R
3/8/2024	20201	Operating	Fisher Scientific	\$224.00		Sewer Sampling
3/8/2024		Operating	BRANDT J HAKANSON	\$880.60		REFUND-10888 WESTON DR
3/14/2024		Operating	Carmel Utilities	\$579.18		Line cleaning
3/14/2024		Operating	Carmel Utilities	\$19.25	\$19.25	
3/14/2024		Operating	Citizens Energy Group	\$250.00		Monthly reads
3/14/2024		Operating	DONALD R WYLIE	\$4.96		REFUND-13470 DUNES DR REISSUE
3/14/2024 3/14/2024		Operating Operating	LALITHA IYER Carmel Utilities	\$800.00 \$36.24		REFUND-11722 BENNETTWOOD PL LS 26 Utilities
3/14/2024		Operating	Carmel Utilities	\$613.55	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	LS 2 Utilities
3/14/2024		Operating	The Cincinnati Insurance Company	\$4,254.00		2024 Management Liability
3/18/2024		Operating	AFLAC	\$374.02	\$374.02	,
3/18/2024		Operating	Daniel Rossman	\$90.46		Mileage 12/30, 3/9, 3/14
3/18/2024		Operating	Jazmine Ealy	\$192.30	\$192.30	Dep care 2/29, 3/4
3/18/2024		Operating	LNG Indy LLC FKA Kinetrex	\$1,302.33		Natural Gas
3/18/2024		Operating	Nathan Crowder	\$300.00	\$300.00	2024 EWP Reim
3/18/2024		Operating	Shelly Keefe	\$300.00		2024 EWP Reim Keefe
3/18/2024		Operating	Cindy Sheeks	\$300.00		2024 EWP
3/20/2024		Operating	Brandon Woolf	\$50.00		March 2024 cell phone
3/20/2024		Operating	Eric Luis Delacruz	\$50.00		March cell phone
3/20/2024 3/20/2024		Operating	Jeffrey Martin	\$50.00 \$50.00		March 2024 cell phone March 2024 cell phone
3/20/2024		Operating Interceptor	Nathan Crowder Donohue	\$891.00		CIP-Proj 2208 LS 16 Interceptor
3/21/2024		Interceptor	GRW	\$437.50		CIP-Proj 2208 LS 16 Interceptor
3/21/2024		Interceptor	GRW	\$700.00		CIP-Proj 2208 Interceptor
3/21/2024		Interceptor	Utility Supply Company	\$453.61		CIP-Proj 2208 Interceptor
3/21/2024			BL Anderson Company, Inc.	\$9,295.00		CIP-Proj 2301 LS 10 R4R
3/21/2024		Operating	Acquaecoremedy - USA	\$2,207.00		LS 16 Brio Statie 3 phase 1HP 460/60
3/21/2024		Operating	Amazon Capital Services	\$34.95		Displayport to DVI cable
3/21/2024	20227	Operating	Amazon Capital Services	\$83.99	\$83.99	Cam lock wire set
3/21/2024		Operating	Bee Green Lawn & Plant Health	\$164.66		Lawn Care
3/21/2024		Operating	Bridgestone Hosepower, LLC	\$1,605.35	\$1,605.35	
3/21/2024		Operating	Donohue	\$6,312.53	. ,	Plant R & M, LS R & M
3/21/2024			Fastenal Company	\$29.75	<u> </u>	Line Maintenance
3/21/2024		Operating	Fastenal Company	\$86.09		LS R & M
3/21/2024		Operating	GCI Slingers, LLC	\$9.88	\$9.88	
3/21/2024 3/21/2024		Operating Operating	Grainger Grainger	\$192.27 \$38.04	\$192.27	Materials
3/21/2024		Operating	Grainger	\$141.62		LS R & M
3/21/2024		Operating	Great Lakes Water & Safety Products	\$9,043.50		Manhole R & M
3/21/2024		Operating	IUPPS	\$1,620.70		Monthly tickets
3/21/2024		Operating	Kirby Risk Corporation	\$277.27		LS R & M
3/21/2024		Operating	Kirby Risk Corporation	\$228.39		Equipment repairs
3/21/2024		Operating	Occupational Health Centers of the South	\$119.00	\$119.00	DOT Physical
3/21/2024		Operating	Pace Analytical Services LLC	\$493.70		Sewer Sampling
3/21/2024		Operating	Paymentus Group, Inc.	\$54.75		Feb NSF Fees
3/21/2024		Operating	Utility Supply Company	\$1,009.32		Line maintenance
3/21/2024		Operating	Utility Supply Company	\$42.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Line Maintenance
3/21/2024		Operating	Utility Supply Company	\$451.28		Line maintenance
3/21/2024 3/21/2024		Operating	Utility Supply Company	\$513.00 \$5.00		Line Maintenance
3/21/2024		Operating Operating	White's Ace Hardware-Carmel Amanda Foley	\$5.98 \$900.00		Manhole R & M Board per diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Carl S. Mills	\$900.00		Board Per Diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Charles Ryerson	\$300.00		Board per diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Eric Hand	\$300.00		Board Per Diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Jane B. Merrill	\$450.00		Board per diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Jeff Hill	\$150.00		Board per diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Jeffrey Kimbell	\$300.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Board per diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Michael A. McDonald	\$900.00	\$900.00	Board Per Diem 2/24
3/22/2024		Operating	Steve Pittman	\$300.00		Board per diem 2/24
3/25/2024		Operating	Cindy Sheeks	\$28.12		B & F meeting
3/25/2024			Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc	\$10,830.72		CIP-Proj 2208 LS 16 Interceptor
3/25/2024		Operating	Jazmine Ealy	\$192.30		Dep care reim - 4/1/2024
4/3/2024		Operating	Matt Starr	\$34.84		March Mileage
4/3/2024		Operating	Matt Starr Tristin Gardner	\$300.00 \$171.52		Wellness reim
4/3/2024 4/4/2024		Operating Operating	Tristin Gardner KSHITIJ OR SURINA KHANNA	\$171.52 \$7.77		Mileage reim REFUND-13821 FOXDALE
4/4/2024		Operating	TIMOTHY J KELLEY	\$11.73		REFUND-10450 MCPHERSON
4/4/2024		Operating	DREW STUTZ	\$12.62		REFUND-10450 MICHERSON REFUND-10853 LEXINGTON
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4/4/2024		Operating Operating	ROBERT OR XONIA AVIN	\$14.32 \$18.32		REFUND-12671 TUSCANY BLVD
4/4/2024		Operating	SUZANNE WASSON	\$10.32 \$19.16		REFUND-14021 QUARTER HORSE CT
4/4/2024		Operating	EARLENE SEARS	\$20.72	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	REFUND-14021 QUARTER HORSE CT
4/4/2024		Operating	JAMES THEIS	\$20.72		REFUND-12965 BRIGHTON LN
4/4/2024		Operating	BEN CAUGNEY	\$22.63		REFUND-10877 LEXINGTON DR
4/4/2024		Operating	NAVID ASARBAIJANI OR NAVID OR ANI	\$24.32		REFUND-1740 MUSTANG
4/4/2024		Operating	ROBERT BILEK	\$26.12		REFUND-3376 KILKENNY CIR
4/4/2024		Operating	DARRYN OR LORI HERMANN	\$27.86		REFUND-661 GOLBORNE ST
4/4/2024		Operating	TOM SCHLEETER	\$28.72		REFUND-13740 FOXDALE
4/4/2024		Operating	OPENDOOR PROPERTY TRUST 1	\$29.12	•	REFUND-10871 WESTON DR
4/4/2024		Operating	MICHELLE IDE	\$29.12		REFUND-2052 SUDA DR
4/4/2024		Operating	JENNIFER SKINNER	\$30.41		REFUND-10372 CARROLLTON AVE
4/4/2024		Operating	JUSTIN NIEDERMEIER	\$31.95		REFUND-11987 EAGLEVIEW
4/4/2024		Operating	WEI LIU	\$33.02		REFUND-13682 CHESWICK
4/4/2024		Operating	TMC WOODBRIAR INVESTMENT I LLC	\$34.01		REFUND-9802 WOODBRIAR
4/4/2024	20277	Operating	CAROL L SHAFFER LIVING TRUST	\$34.94		REFUND-13387 GOLDEN GATE DR W
4/4/2024		Operating	MELISSA OR JOHN WOODS	\$42.71	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	REFUND-10126 SOLACE LANE
4/4/2024		Operating	ABRAHAM AAMIDOR	\$27.18	•	REFUND-11507 WOODVIEW EAST
4/4/2024		Reserve for Re		\$3,675.00	\$3,675.00	CIP-Proj 2301 LS 16 Startup Interceptor
4/4/2024		Interceptor	Ottenweller Contracting	\$63,742.50		CIP-Proj 2208 LS 16 Interceptor
4/4/2024	20282	Reserve for Re	Commonwealth Engineers, Inc	\$4,880.23		CIP-Proj 2301 LS 10
4/4/2024	20283	Operating	Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc	\$25,548.40	\$25,548.40	CIP-Proj 2450 R4R
4/4/2024		Operating	Altman, Poindexter & Wyatt, LLC	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	
4/4/2024	20285	Operating	Amazon Capital Services	\$22.49	\$22.49	Power cord
4/4/2024		Operating	Amazon Capital Services	\$28.11	\$28.11	Replacement batteries
4/4/2024		Operating	Bee Green Lawn & Plant Health	\$110.17		Grounds Maintenance
4/4/2024		Operating	BL Anderson Company, Inc.	\$460.00		LS Repair
4/4/2024		Operating	Black Tie Courier	\$525.00		Monthly Billing
4/4/2024		Operating	Carmel Utilities	\$596.42		Line maintenance
4/4/2024		Operating	Carmel Utilities	\$46.70		Stormwater
4/4/2024	20291	Operating	Concentra Health Services, Inc - CMCA	\$64.00		Testing fees
4/4/2024		Operating	Daily Laboratories	\$140.00		Sewer sampling
4/4/2024		Operating	Donohue	\$4,025.00		Plant R & M/LS R & M
4/4/2024		Operating	Doxim	\$7,388.74	\$7,388.74	
4/4/2024		Operating	Doxim	\$5,107.88		Monthly Bills
4/4/2024		Operating	Environmental Resource Associates	\$715.22		Sewer sampling
4/4/2024 4/4/2024		Operating	FerrellGas	\$173.19		Cylinders Window Cleaning
4/4/2024		Operating Operating	Fish Window Cleaning Gordon Plumbing, Inc	\$725.00 \$1,977.90	\$1,977.90	
4/4/2024		Operating	Grainger	\$262.78		Materials
4/4/2024		Operating	Grainger	\$373.38		Equipment
4/4/2024		Operating	Hach Company	\$2,770.00	\$2.770.00	
4/4/2024		Operating	IT Indianapolis/Core	\$10,790.41	\$10,790.41	
4/4/2024		Operating	IT Indianapolis/Core	\$1,118.94	\$1,790.41	
4/4/2024		Operating	KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY	\$30.00		Quarterly Monitoring
4/4/2024		Operating	MacAllister Machinery	\$488.16		Boom Extension Cylinder less credit \$1632.92
4/4/2024		Operating	MacAllister Machinery	\$175.76	\$175.76	•
4/4/2024		Operating	Occupational Health Centers of the South	\$182.00		Emp testing
4/4/2024		Operating	Office Depot	\$101.16	\$101.16	
4/4/2024		Operating	Shred Monkey	\$50.00		Monthly Service
4/4/2024		Operating	Simplifile	\$600.00		lien filings
4/4/2024	20308	Operating	Taylor Oil Company, Inc.	\$2,289.77	\$2,289.77	Fuel
4/4/2024		Operating	XPO Logistics Freight, Inc	\$468.50	\$468.50	Shipping fees
4/4/2024		Operating	Xylem Dewatering Solutions Inc	\$614.10	\$614.10	Repair parts
4/4/2024		Operating	Maggie Crediford	\$35.00		Reim - registration
4/4/2024		Operating	Duke Energy	\$254.81		LS 16 New
3/21/2024		Operating	CenterPoint Energy/Vectren Energy	\$1,444.51	\$1,444.51	
3/25/2024		Operating	CenterPoint Energy/Vectren Energy	\$19.49	\$19.49	
3/25/2024		Operating	CenterPoint Energy/Vectren Energy	\$51.03	\$51.03	
3/14/2024		Operating	ADP	\$158.86		Workforce Now
3/22/2024		Operating	ADP	\$146.45		Workforce Now
3/18/2024		Operating	ADP	\$91,336.93		Payroll PPE 03/15/2024
3/18/2024		Operating	Empower Retirement (Hoosier START)	\$12,768.47		401a, 457B, Roth
3/20/2024		Operating	Comcast	\$258.77		Backup Internet
4/1/2024		Operating	Indiana Public Employers	\$38,533.37		April insurance
3/20/2024		Operating	Mutual of Omaha	\$4,313.93		April insurance
3/21/2024 4/3/2024		Operating	AT & T	\$1,371.37 \$58.72	\$1,371.37 \$58.72	
		Operating	Globe Life	\$58.72 \$766.15		Emp Ins
4/3/2024	2024125	Operating	Jive Communications, Inc	\$766.15	φ100.15	Phone service

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4/3/2024	2024126	Operating	Napa Auto Parts	\$6.85	\$6.85	Repair parts
4/4/2024	2024127	Operating	AT&T Mobility	\$2,317.11	\$2,317.11	EE Cellular/tablets
4/4/2024	2024128	Operating	Duke Energy	\$254.81	\$254.81	Utilities
4/3/2024	2024129	Operating	Duke Energy	\$1,477.79	\$1,477.79	LS 1
4/3/2024	2024130	Operating	Duke Energy	\$135.75	\$135.75	LS 5
4/2/2024	2024131	Operating	Duke Energy	\$54.20	\$54.20	LS 6
4/10/2024	2024132	Operating	Duke Energy	\$450.11	\$450.11	LS 11
4/9/2024	2024133	Operating	Duke Energy	\$873.20	\$873.20	LS 14
4/11/2024	2024134	Operating	Duke Energy	\$190.11	\$190.11	LS 16 FINAL BILL
4/10/2024		Operating	Duke Energy	\$1,008.97	\$1,008.97	
4/5/2024	2024136	Operating	Duke Energy	\$400.18	\$400.18	
4/3/2024		Operating	Duke Energy	\$193.61	\$193.61	
4/12/2024		Operating	Duke Energy	\$398.10	\$398.10	
4/4/2024	2024139	Operating	Duke Energy	\$572.50	\$572.50	LS 26
4/11/2024		Operating	Duke Energy	\$22,583.08	\$22,583.08	Plant
3/31/2024		Operating	Citizens State Bank	\$20.00		Bank service fee
4/2/2024		Operating	ADP	\$91,183.82		Payroll PPE 3/31/2024
4/2/2024	2024143	Operating	Empower Retirement (Hoosier START)	\$12,876.68	\$12,876.68	401a, 457b, Roth
					\$492,408.11	
ALLOWANCE	OF CLAIM	S				
			he foregoing Register of Claims, consisting		cept	
for claims not	allowed as	shown on the re	egister, such claims are hereby allowed in th	e total amount of		
			\$492,408.11			
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Docket Report Information

For the period 03/8/2024-04/11/2024

CIP-Proj 2301 R4R LS 10	\$17,850.23
CIP-Proj 2469 Bauer fittings R4R	\$583.04
CIP-Proj 2208 LS 16 Interceptor	\$76,617.83
CIP-Proj 2450 R4R	\$25,548.40
CIP-Proj 2207 LS 26 FM	\$437.50

\$121,037.00

 District Insurance
 \$42,847.30

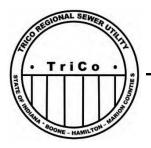
 Carmel Utilities
 \$0.00

 Payroll
 \$182,520.75

 Other Expenses
 \$146,003.06

Total Claims \$492,408.11

				2024		2023 Total
Selected Statistics 2024	January	February	March	Monthly	2024 YTD	Through
Colocica Glatistics 2024	Garidary	Column	Water	Average	2024 110	March
Maintenance Information						
Lateral Inspections	18	12	33	21	63	1,048
Certified I&I Inspections	18	27	33	26	78	70
Failed I&I Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Locates	344	274	314	311	932	822
Manholes Added	62	7	22	30	91	35
Total # of Manholes	6,149	6,156	6,178	N/A	NA	6,087
Manholes Inspected	336	712	125	391	1,173	1,791
Feet of Sewer Added	4,684	1,528	4,644	3,619	10,856	13,828
Total Footage of Sewers	1,765,843	1,767,371	1,772,015	N/A	N/A	NA
Feet of Sewer Televised	16,308	15,520	28,095	19,974	59,923	62,259
Acoustic Sewer Inspection	0	0	Ô	0	0	0
Feet of Sewer Cleaned	0	0	567	189	567	0
Overflows	0	0	1	0	1	0
Feet of LPFM Cleaned	0	0	775	258	775	0
LS 1 to Carmel Utilities						
Rainfall/Precipitation (inches)	5.11	0.54	2.82	2.82	8.47	12.56
Total Flow (gallons)	32,948,704	27,943,801	31,073,709	30,655,405	91,966,214	109,102,406
Max Daily Flow (gallons)	1,529,382	1,130,383	1,093,141	N/A	1,529,382	2,181,616
Average Daily Flow (gallons)	1,062,861	963,579	1,002,378	1,009,606	N/A	N/A
Min Daily Flow (gallons)	835,566	901,413	899,999	N/A	835,566	973,743
TriCo WRRF						
Total Flow (gallons)	112,920,000	90,513,000	103,017,000	102,150,000	306,450,000	304,289,000
Max Daily Flow (gallons)	5,198,000	3,733,000	3,897,000	N/A	5,198,000	5,616,000
Average Daily Flow (gallons)	3,642,581	3,121,138	3,323,129	3,362,283	N/A	N/A
Min Daily Flow (gallons)	2,813,000	2,871,000	2,580,000	N/A	2,580,000	2,416,000
Total Flow to Both Plants	145,868,704	118,456,801	134,090,709	132,162,753	398,416,214	413,391,406
Biosolids Handling (gals)						
Wasted (Biosolids)	2,177,000	1,879,000	2,078,000	2,044,667	6,134,000	4,130,000
Dewatered	610,842	494,870	431,077	512,263	1,536,789	727,867
Digested Sludge Withdrawn	1,131,000	1,167,000	1,179,000	1,159,000	3,477,000	2,196,000
Customer Information					16,743	
New Sewer Service Accounts	46	38	21	35	105	47
Permits Issued	24	20	11	18	55	60



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. Memorandum

Ms. Merrill called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair Jane Merrill, members Michael McDonald and Carl Mills. Others in attendance were Board members Amanda Foley, and Eric Hand, Utility Director Andrew Williams, Engineering Manager Wes Merkle, Controller Cindy Sheeks and Administrative Assistant Maggie Crediford. Legal Counsel Anne Poindexter joined via phone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the public.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ms. Sheeks said spending is on budget and looking good so far in 2024.

RATE STUDY

Mr. Williams reviewed the rate study memo which included a list of the top 150 commercial customers that would be impacted by a larger than five percent rate increase if the Board moves forward with the findings suggested by the 2023 Rate Study. Mr. Williams explained the process the State requires when implementing a rate increase larger than five percent. Mrs. Poindexter said the dollar amounts customers will be impacted by are minimal compared to their overall operating budgets and suggested that the Board move forward with the proposed increases. Committee members discussed their views and will recommend the Board move forward with the rate increases as proposed by the 2023 Rate Study.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Williams gave a brief update on the request for service from HSE Utilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Sheeks

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Controller



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees

From: Andrew Williams

Date: April 5, 2024

Subject: Rate Ordinance

The local accounting firm LWG CPAs and Advisors completed the rate study. The industry standard for distributing utility expenses among various charges has since changed over the years and our consultant recommends increasing base rates between 1.1% to 23.7% depending on meter size and increasing the volumetric treatment rate 8.3%.

To reduce the impact on residential customers, who account for approximately 92% of all customers, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended limiting the treatment rate increase to 5% in 2024. The 5% increase would take the current treatment rate from \$3.00/1000 gallons to \$3.15/1000 gallons. Average monthly consumption among single family residential metered customers with a 5/8-inch water meter is 5,000 gallons, resulting in a bill of \$29.12 per month; using the proposed rates, that monthly bill would increase \$0.91 or 3.13% to \$30.03.

The proposed rates are projected to increase commercial revenue by approximately \$197,500 per year (7.5%) and residential revenue by approximately \$178,500 per year (3.3%). Totaling \$376,100 per year for a 4.7% overall increase in revenue.

Without this proposed rate adjustment fund balances in 2026 are projected to drop below \$3 million, which has been the Board's long-standing minimum balance across all funds.

Other fees and charges, including the Connection (EDU) Fee and Interceptor (Availability) Fee, were not a part of the LWG rate study. Connection and Interceptor Fees were reviewed separately by staff with assistance from consultants with regards to master planning. Staff believes the current fees are appropriate for TriCo's service area. Related system development fees applicable to property outside of TriCo's service area would be determined separately and incorporated into a separate service agreement with the interested parties.

The proposed rate ordinance includes the above recommendations and incorporates verbiage from the 1990 ordinance that has always been the basis for our billing structure. Including this verbiage in the proposed ordinance will eliminate the need to reference old ordinances and simplify the explanation of rate to our customers.

Requested Action: Conduct the First Reading of Rate Ordinance 04-09-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 04-09-2024

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,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 13-26 TriCo Regional Sewer Utility (Utility) is a regional sewer district that owns, operates, manages and controls a sewage works and related facilities to collect, convey, treat and dispose of wastewater from residences, businesses, industries and institutions located within the boundaries of the Utility's service area; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 13-26-11 authorizes the Utility's Board of Trustees to adopt by ordinance a just and equitable schedule of rates, fees, and charges for sewer services rendered by the Utility, and may adjust its schedule of rates, fees, and charges by ordinance after notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, based upon a financial analysis conducted by Utility staff and recommended by LWG CPAs and Advisors, the Board of Trustees desires to update the rates, fees, and charges previously established pursuant to Ordinance 05-9-2022.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of TriCo Regional Sewer Utility, Indiana:

<u>Section 1</u>. Every person or entity whose premises are served by the sewage works shall be charged for the services provided. These charges are established in order that the Utility shall recover, from each user, revenue which is proportional to its use of the treatment works in terms of volume and load. User charges are levied to defray the cost of operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the sewage works.

<u>Section 2</u>. For the use of and the service rendered by said sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected to and discharges, either directly or indirectly, sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into said sewage works. Any customer may, at his or her sole expense, install and maintain metering devices approved by the Utility (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) for determining the industrial wastes, water or other liquids discharged by said customer into said sewage works. The rates and charges to be collected by the Utility and paid by the customer shall include user charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

(a) Metered Users:

For users of the sewage works who are served by a metered water supply whose sewage discharge flows into the sewage works is measured by a metering device approved by the Utility, the sewage rates and charges shall consist of a Treatment Rate based upon the quantity of sewage flow discharged into the sewage works

as measured by said sewage flow measuring device then in use, and a Base Rate based on the size of the water meter(s) through which such user receives water utility service. For users of the sewage works whose sewage discharge flow into the sewage works is not measured, but whose water supply is metered, the sewage rates and charges shall consist of a Treatment Rate based upon the water used on or in the property or premises subject to such sewage rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter(s) through which such user receives water utility service, and a Base Rate based upon the size of the water meter(s) through which such user receives water utility service. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meter(s) or sewage flow measuring device shall be read monthly (or period equaling a month). The sewage rates and charges for said users shall be the sum of the Treatment Rate and the applicable Base Rate as set forth in the attached exhibits for each service area.

(b) Unmetered Users:

For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined as an average of single-family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or a period equaling a month). The rate shall include a base rate according to the estimated meter size as listed above plus an estimated treatment charge as outlined on the schedule of rates and charges set forth in the attached exhibits for each service area.

Schedule of Monthly User Charges

Metered Users:	User Charge
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(2) Base Rate - per month, as follows:

Base Rate - per month, as follows:	
5/8-inch water meter	\$14.28
3/4-inch water meter*	\$14.28
3/4-inch water meter	\$18.84
1-inch water meter*	\$14.28
1-inch water meter	\$31.28
1 ¼-inch water meter	\$48.48
1 ½-inch water meter	\$68.99
2-inch water meter	\$116.87
3-inch water meter	\$265.06
4-inch water meter	\$458.84
6-inch water meter	\$1,040.19
8-inch water meter	\$1,850.67

^{*}Residential customers with a 3/4-inch meter or 1-inch meter shall be charged a base charge for a 5/8 inch meter. A residential customer shall mean a user of the sewage works whose premises or connected building is used primarily as a single-family residence.

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Unmetered Users: User Charge

Residential:

Single family residence/unit......\$36.33 Duplexes....\$72.66

(c) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids in the sewage works, either directly or indirectly, has a metered water supply and in addition, is a user of water from another source which is not measured by a water meter or is measured oy a meter not acceptable to the Utility, then the amount of water used shall be otherwise measured or determined by the Utility. In order to ascertain the rates or charges, the owner or other interested party shall, at its expense, install and maintain measuring devices approved by the Utility for the determination of sewage discharge.

- (d) In the event two or more residential lots, parcels of real estate, or buildings discharging sanitary sewage, water or other liquids into the sewage works, either directly or indirectly, are users of water and the quantity of water is measured by a single water meter, then in each such case, for billing purposes, the quantity of water used shall be averaged for each user and the base charge, the flow rates and charges and minimum charge shall apply to each of the number of residential lots, parcels of real estate or buildings served through the single water meter.
- (e) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquids into the sewage works either directly or indirectly, and uses water in excess of 10,000 gallons per month, and it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Utility that a portion of the water as measured by the water meter or meters does not and cannot enter the sewage works, then the owner or other interested party shall, at its expense, install and maintain a metering device approved by the Utility for the determination of actual quantity discharged to the sewage works.
- (f) In the event two or more dwelling units such as mobile homes, apartments, or housekeeping rooms discharging sanitary sewage, water, or other liquids into the sewage works, either directly or indirectly, are users of water and the quantity of water is measured by one or more water meters, then in such case billing shall be for a single service in the manner set elsewhere herein, except than in addition to the computed monthly bill: the number of dwelling units with two or more bedrooms multiplied by the monthly base rate for a 5/8-inch water meter shall be included, plus the number of one-bedroom dwelling units multiplied by 0.75 and the monthly base rate for a 5/8-inch water meter shall be included. In the case of mobile home courts, the number of dwelling units shall be computed and added to any other dwelling units served through the meter(s). A dwelling unit shall be interpreted as a room or rooms or any other space or spaces in which cooking facilities are provided.
- (g) In order to recover the cost of monitoring industrial wastes, the Utility shall charge the user the actual cost of the monitoring. This charge will be reviewed and revised on the same basis as all other rates and charges in the ordinance.
- (h) Where the Utility determines that a customer's sewage, water, or other liquids discharged into the sewage works exceeds any limits established in the Utility's current

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Sewer Use Ordinance, the Utility shall, at its sole discretion, determine and apply additional charges for treating the stronger-than-normal waste, and charge the customer for any costs to determining user-specific waste strength.

- (i) Such rates and charges shall be prepared, billed and collected by the Utility in the manner provided by law and any other applicable ordinance. The rates and charges for all users shall be prepared and billed monthly. The rates and charges may be billed to the tenant or tenants occupying properties served, unless otherwise requested in writing by the owner, but such billing shall in no way relieve the owner from liability in the event payment is not made as herein required. The owner of the property or properties served, which are occupied by a tenant or tenants, shall have the right to examine the collection records of the Utility for the purpose of determining whether bills have been paid by such tenant or tenants.
- (j) Rates and charges established herein shall apply to each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building connected to the sewage works and located within the Utility's service area. Rates and charges applicable to all lots, parcels of real estate, buildings, or utilities connected to the sewage works and located outside the Utility's service area shall be incorporated in and established by separate agreement with interested parties.
- (k) For the service rendered to TriCo Regional Sewer Utility, said Utility shall be subject to the same rates and charges herein above provided, or to rates and charges established in harmony therewith.
- <u>Section 3.</u> The Return Check Charge for NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) shall be charged in the amount of \$30.00 per check.
- <u>Section 4</u>. Any current charges on the monthly user invoice that remain unpaid after the listed due date shall be assessed a late fee. The late fee assessed will be 10% of the unpaid current charges. This fee will be added to the following month's user invoice.
- <u>Section 5.</u> A Reinspection fee of \$100.00 shall be charged to the property owner for each reinspection if a property fails an inspection or requires more than two inspections.
- <u>Section 6.</u> An application fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$150.00) per EDU, up to a maximum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per permit, is due and payable at the time of submittal or issuance of the connection permit. Requested revisions to previously issued permits shall be considered a new permit and shall be subject to the application fee of \$150.00.

Section 7. Utility Wide Connection Fee

Prior to receiving a permit to connect to Utility sewer, the owner, lessee or developer of any real estate within the Utility's service area shall pay to the Utility a connection fee of Two Thousand Eighty- Three Dollars (\$2,083.00) per EDU. Wherever practical the Utility shall utilize Indiana Administrative Code 327 IAC 3-6-11 to determine estimated average daily flow, based upon 310 gallons per day per EDU, and the proposed use of the real estate to be served. The minimum connection fee per parcel is one EDU.

The owner, lessee or developer of the real estate may submit data to the Utility which

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purports to provide a more accurate estimation of the average daily flow (for example from water bills or other actual data setting forth flow from similar facilities). BOD, suspended solids, and other wastewater loadings may similarly be considered. Upon receipt and review of the data provided, the Utility may, in its absolute discretion, agree to an EDU amount that is other than the amount determined as specified above. The Utility may review real estate's usage from time to time; if real estate is found to exceed the previously agreed amount, then upon notice by the Utility, the owner, lessee, or developer of said real estate shall promptly pay Utility the difference in EDUs at the current rate. Any change in use or additions, renovations or alterations of said real estate may trigger review of usage by the Utility.

Residential lots previously containing a dwelling that was connected to the Utility's sanitary sewers and having paid a monthly sewer service billing are exempt from the connection charge in the event the dwelling is demolished, and new residential dwelling built on the same real estate.

Section 8. Utility Wide Interceptor Fee

In addition to the connection charge set forth above based upon EDU's there is also due prior to the receipt of a permit, an Interceptor Fee of Four Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$4,075.00) per acre. Residential lots previously containing a dwelling that was connected to the Utility's sanitary sewers and having paid a monthly sewer service billing are exempt from the Interceptor Fee in the event the dwelling is demolished, and new residential dwelling built on the same real estate. Lots and parcels that are part of a Utility neighborhood sewer extension project in which local sewer charges are assessed by ordinance are also exempt.

<u>Section 9</u>. Prior Schedule of Monthly User Charges

This ordinance shall preempt, supersede, and wholly replace Ordinance 05-9-2022 and any other prior Ordinances of the Utility as the same may be amended from time to time by the Utility. Nothing in the Ordinance shall be construed as limiting the applicability of the Utility's various use ordinances or other definitions or terms contained in other Ordinances, with exception only to the specific Schedule of Monthly User Charges set forth therein.

<u>Section 10.</u> The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

<u>Section 11</u>. The revised rates shall become effective for service received June 1, 2024, and thereafter.

PASSED AND	ADOPTED by the I	Board of Trustees of the TriCo Regional Sewer
Utility on the	day of	,2024.