

**MINUTES**  
7:00 P.M., July 31, 2019  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tri-Township Water District (TTWD)  
180 State RT 160, Trenton, IL 62293

**1. Call to Order.** The Tri-Township Water District (TTWD) Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M.

**2. Roll Call.**

Trustees Present: Cliff Behrmann, Maurice Diekemper, Penny Zimmerman and Michael Thornton.

Trustees Absent: John Barr and Roddy Riggs.

District Personnel Present: Chris Horstmann

District Personnel Absent: Jim Brown, Don Johannes and Brent Maschhoff

**1. Introduction of Guests. None**

**2. Presentation of Minutes of Last Meeting.**

Motion made to approve by Michael Thornton and seconded by Penny Zimmerman.  
Approved by attending board.

**3. Treasurer's Report.**

**a. Account Balances.**

- Less water usage attributed to heavy rains during spring and summer planting season.

**b. Presentation of Bills.**

**Bills over \$500.00**

Schulte Supply ( <i>Material Bid</i> )	\$1,095.00
Fertil-Lawn Inc. (Diversified Services)	\$ 716.00
Korte & Luitjohan Contr., INC	\$1,007.00 (M. Hunter Tap)
Sandberg Phoenix \$ Von Gontard P.C.	\$ 586.92
Troy Garage Door, INC.	\$1,787.00 (Pay out of D&M)

Motion made to approve by Penny Zimmerman. Motion seconded by Michael Thornton.  
Approved by attending board.

**c. Approval of Order of Disbursements.**

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Motion made to approve by Maurice Diekemper. Motion Seconded by Penny Zimmerman,  
Unanimously approved by attending board members.

**d. Budget.**

Motion made to approve by Michael Thornton. Motion Seconded by Maurice Diekemper.  
Unanimously approved by attending board members.

**5. Payment Order #19-273**

Motion made to approve by Penny Zimmerman. Motion seconded by Michael Thornton.  
Unanimously approved by attending board.

**6. Current Business:**

**a. Accountant's Report.**

1. Summary of Cash & Reserve Accounts.
2. Intergovernmental Contract with City of Highland, SLM, & TTWD.  
Highland still needs to sign. Need Page 1 and the letter dated Aug 24, 2017  
from SLM.

**b. Engineering Report.**

1. Pay Estimate for Caldwell Tanks. None
2. Bid item 34 of Contract A-Tank Mixers

**c. Attorney's Report.**

1. Highland & St. Rose Emergency Interconnect Agreement.
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Aviston and Trenton.
3. Annexation by Aviston for the A&H Robert Middike Trust property.
4. Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief against  
Defendant, City of Trenton, Illinois.

**d. Operator's Report.**

1. Water loss/gain report.
  - Revised Water loss/gain report show only an 8% water loss in July after auto flushing.
2. Temporary Change in Drinking Water Disinfection from SLM.

**e. Office Staff Report.**

1. Consumption report.
2. Customers using over 50,000 consumption report.
3. Zero Users report. (57)
4. Total number of ACH Customers for July 2019 is 452. July's ACH Deposit was \$28,012.99 on July 15, 2019.
5. June's Credit Card Processing Statement from Paystar shows TTWD received 64 transactions totaling \$4,388.45 in payments.

**1. Old Business.**

1. Proposal for Resolution to City of Trenton. Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C. letter to Attorney for City of Trenton with a proposal for resolution of the current dispute. They choose to continue into district
2. Email stating the City of Trenton will continue with their plans to expand their water lines into the Korte Luitjohan project which is in TTWD district lines. Letter received by Don Johannes confirming the decision. ***Restraining Order to stop construction has been issued.***

**2. New Business.**

1. Comparison of charges since water rate increase on May 1, 2019.
2. Comparison of Clinton County Electric since solar installed May 31, 2019
  - Chris Hess has requested access to the Wolf House location to complete the solar electrical set up on Saturday August 3, 2019. Chris Horstman will reach out to Chris Hess and go over the details of the time required to complete installation on Saturday. Chris Hess estimates the installation on the Wolf House project should be completed in the next 2 weeks.
  - The Board of Trustees would like to know when the first rebate installment for the solar panel installation will arrive. Excel Solar called to say that the Illinois Power Association will issue approximately 30-35% rebate on the entire cost of all solar installations after completion. The first payment of 20% will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 with the remaining balance being paid out in 16 equal quarterly installments. \* Note: Wolf House and the Office rebate installments will be paid out separately.

- Additionally, the minimum monthly bill for Clinton County Electric is \$52.00.
3. Annexation by Aviston for the A & H Robert Middike Trust property.
    - Letter from Aviston's Lawyer, Henry F. Bergmann, regarding easements or using the roadway right-of-way for water lines.
    - Response letter to Aviston.
  4. Gary Feldman Subdivision.
  5. Report on Irby Meters.
    - Penny Zimmerman will reach out to Bob Hedrick for additional information.
    - How will we interface with United Systems?
    - What warranties are available on the IRBY Meters?
    - What would be our replacement strategy of our existing meters?
    - Chris Horstmann suggested to replace the meters 100 per year.
    - New meters would have fewer moving parts.
    - Contact our meter supplier to resolve the high number of non-reads. (97)

#### IRBY Water Solutions

- Penny, Mike, and Chris are inquiring about the specifics, details, as outlined in the New Business Section. All information on the IRBY meters will be discussed at the August 28, 2019 board meeting.
6. Court setting the final pretrial conference for 9/2/2020 and bench trial for 9/14/2020 in Benton, IL regarding City of Trenton

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the TTWD Office 180 State Rt. 160, Trenton IL 62293. Nancy Sadler will be on vacation August 29<sup>th</sup> -Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion to adjourn made by Maurice Diekemper.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes taken by: Office Personnel