

TAYLOR REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Crossroads Community Church 4254 S 00 E.W., Kokomo, IN 46902

The Taylor Regional Sewer District met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (*Motions italicized*)

Board members present: Scott Waymire, Tyler McClish, Larry Hayes, Brad Bray

Also present: Christopher Kellner – BCS Management; Justin Saathoff – BCS Management; Madalyn Sade-Bartl – BCS Management; Alisa Bernotas – BCS Management; Tom Astbury – Astbury Water Technology; Brent Dechert – Dechert Law (not present for the first 15 minutes or so)

Call to order: President Scott Waymire called the meeting to order at approx. 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minutes Approval:

Minutes for 09/09/2025 were presented for board approval by Christopher Kellner. Brad Bray moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Brad Bray made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from the President:

President Waymire addressed the board, sharing his concerns of sewer rate costs and the district's expenditures.

Business Reports:

Administration Report - Christopher Kellner, BCS Management

Mr. Kellner reported the fund balances at the end of September as follows:

Operating fund at ~\$60,000; Grinder pump maintenance fund at ~\$21,500; Capital fund at ~\$71,000 - which marks the first time ever that the Capital fund has been larger than the district's Operating fund; The adjusted claims are \$46,134.41 after removing internal funds transfers.

Mr. Kellner also shared the grinder pump inventory - 1 new pump and 6 repaired/rebuilt. The district's revenue has significantly improved in September and will continue to improve as more residents are added through the enforcement. Madalyn Sade-Bartl was introduced as the district's new fiscal agent, replacing Alisa Bernotas. It was reported that 4 property owners are completely disengaged, 75 are engaged, 31 are in the process of connecting, 20 have been given exemption, and 7 are excluded - 4 of which have already been inspected. Astbury Water Technology has determined that the line at South 125 E/South 150 E is not serviceable, leaving 5 homes and a future RV park that will not be compelled to connect unless a sewer main is installed. Justin Saathoff was introduced as a RSD manager in training. A possible extension to the district was briefly discussed for Hewitt subdivision expansion. Via HEA1459, the IURC has officially issued utility guidance. TRSD will not be required to report until July 1, 2029. Lastly, the board agreed to keep the next meeting date of November 11, 2025 rather than move due to Veterans Day.

Operations and Maintenance Report - Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies

Mr. Astbury started by briefly addressing the expenditure concerns and highlighted that the majority of these expenses are due to 18 years of negligence and deferred maintenance, alongside the

operating costs of a system that contains over 200 grinder pumps. Mr. Astbury reported being over 85% complete with the critical repairs project, leaving two main items: an influent bar screen and a generator located at SR26. Mr. Astbury presented two estimates to the board for the generator repair: Buckeye Power of Ohio at \$7,537 and MEG Services of Edinburg, IN at \$4,783.

Scott Waymire made a motion to approve the repair of the SR26 generator by MEG Services. Seconded by Larry Hayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Astbury explained the purpose of an influent bar screen. Quotes for a 1" bar screen was presented to be \$28,650 and \$37,200 for a 1½" bar screen. The 1" bar screen was suggested to be sufficient for this project. An influent fine screen for the plant would cost over \$200,000. Installation was not included in the quotes, but is not expected to be over a few thousand dollars. Influent bar screens are required by IDEM. A decision on the bar screen needs to be made before the end of the year. This will complete the critical repairs project that was started in 2023.

The plant is running in full treatment compliance.

Old Business

1. IC§13-26-5-2.5 Septic Exemption Noncompliance Issue – Brent R. Dechert, Attorney

Mr. Dechert reiterated how the TRSD came to be today from a permitting, noncompliance, and exemption standpoint. A resolution was presented to the board allowing a 10 year exemption to residents who have a septic system that passes inspection. The resolution allows for the resident not to connect to the sewer district, but does not alleviate them from the monthly bill. Two 5 year exemptions can be pursued after the initial 10 years, with additional inspections. The expectation is to have all properties within the district connected by 2045.

Scott Waymire made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 3-0 (Brad Bray left the meeting before this vote took place).

2. Astbury Promissory Note – Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Tech

Given the district's financial circumstances, Mr. Astbury presented the board with a "layaway plan" that would turn all unpaid invoices into a promissory note to be paid over 5 years at 5% interest. This will help to preserve the district's financial flexibility. Currently, seven invoices have lapsed, totaling \$134,602.89 which equates to a monthly payment of \$2,540 for 5 years. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of the promissory note.

Scott Waymire made a motion to table this item pending further review. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 3-0 (Brad Bray left the meeting before this vote took place).

New Business

1. Dechert Law Contract Renewal - Brent R. Dechert, Attorney

Mr. Dechert addressed the board regarding his contract renewal for counsel to the board. The contract proposes 2 hours of counsel work for \$500 a month.

Scott Waymire made a motion to approve the contract renewal as presented. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 3-0 (Brad Bray left the meeting before this vote took place).

Public Comments (1 in attendance)

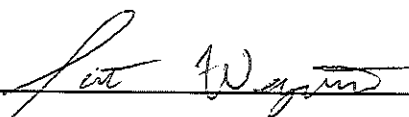
A resident commented on being compelled to connect. He stated that he did not ever recall being given notice when the district was first created. The board reminded him of the exemption resolution that was passed this evening.

Moment of Appreciation and Recognition

Mr. Dechert called for Alisa Bernotas to be recognized for her hard work, efforts, and dedication throughout the many years. This is her last board meeting as the district's fiscal agent.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, *Scott Waymire moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tyler McClish. Motion carried 3-0 (Brad Bray left the meeting before this vote took place). The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Waymire", is written over a horizontal line.

Board Member

Prepared and submitted by Justin Saathoff, BCS Management.