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, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (*Motions italicized*)
Board members present: Scott Waymire, Tyler McClish, Larry Hayes
Also present: Justin Saathoff - BCS Management, Chris Kellner - BCS Management, Tom Astbury - Astbury Water Technology, Brent Dechert - Attorney (6:12 arrival)

Call to order: President Scott Waymire called the meeting to order at approx. 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call: All board members were present with the exception of Brad Bray. The appointment for the fifth board member remains vacant.

Minutes: Minutes for 4/14/2026 regular session were presented for board approval by Justin Saathoff. *Tyler McClish moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Larry Hayes. Motion carried 3-0.*

Treasurer's Report: *Tyler McClish made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Larry Hayes. Motion carried 4-0.*

Business Reports:

Administration Report - Justin Saathoff, BCS Management
Justin Saathoff addressed the board stating the fund balances at the end of April were as follows: Operating Fund at $30,383.95; Grinder Pump Maintenance Fund at $16,012.37; and Capital Fund at $18,416.65. This brings the total funds to approx. $65k (up $9k MoM). Claims were at approx. $65k as well. Three new connections were made in April. There were 91 total visits to the website and 17 online payments were made totaling approx. $5k. It was communicated that the District credit card will be cancelled on May 29.

Mr. Saathoff reported attending the IFA Regional Planning Meeting on April 15. This is an annual requirement for any received or future SRF funding for the District. 5 grinder pumps have been replaced since the last meeting. The District currently has 2 new pumps and 3 repaired in stock.

Operations and Maintenance Report - Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies
Tom Astbury previously emailed his monthly report to the board covering 4/12/26 to 5/9/26. The treatment plant is in full compliance. Buckeye has narrowed the issue with the plant's generator to the fuel priming pump, the fuel line, and a sensor carrying a quote of $2300.33. MEG Services quoted the repair at $1625.00. Mr. Astbury is seeking additional quotes from BBC Pump for the pinhole leak at the Crossroads Church lift station and from Huston Electric for the relay to the blowers. An additional quote from Graves Sheeting is also being sought after for the repair of the wet well cover at the main lift station. In addition, the main lift station pump that failed is currently being inspected by the manufacturer. The previously approved manual bar screen purchase is on order and the original quoted amount of $10,355.34 was honored.

Tyler McClish made a motion to approve the repair of the plant's generator for $1625 by MEG. Seconded by Larry Hayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

1. **Monarch Springs RV Park Agreement - Brent Dechert, Dechert Law**

Mr. Saathoff reported that James Strunk officially declined the proposal of using his land to run the sewer line extension for the RV park. Alternative routes are now being explored which includes the parcel next to Mr.

Strunk. The land is owned by a holding company. They have been contacted and seem to be interested in development. Further information will be communicated once Lana speaks to the owner. Initial indications of using this route seem to be positive.

New Business

1. **Devon Woods Discussion - Chris Kellner, BCS Management**

Chris Kellner presented several physical documents including a cover letter, scope of work, and a benefits sheet. Mr. Kellner gave the history of how in December of 2025, the Howard County Commissioners approached BCS and asked them to take a look at Devon Woods, which seems to be in financial and physical dire straits. Devon Woods is a private utility that has not been collecting bills for several years. The owner passed away 2.5 years ago and the utility is now owned by the estate. There is no HOA. If there was an HOA, they would be the ones to remedy the situation and assume the utility. It has been reported that the community is having a meeting this evening (5/12/26) to discuss the issue. A Howard County Commissioner and the Howard County Surveyor will be in attendance. The County is encouraged to respond to the issue as this utility sits in an unincorporated area and the city has made it fairly clear that they do not want any involvement.

A meeting was held with several public officials in February. The idea of a revolving loan fund from the Stormwater District was discussed to possibly fund a study that provides a resolution to the issues of Devon Woods. Initially, the fund would pay for the proposed study. Subsequently, the Council approved the revolving loan fund two weeks ago. The fund is to begin at $500,000 and is designed to be repetitive in order to assist failing utilities in the county.

The board expressed concerns of inviting unforeseen complexities, as there are many utilities within the county that are in need. The board also stated they would like to hear from county officials regarding the matter. Mr. Kellner explained that the proposed scope of work only included the assessment and will be funded by the County and not the District. Discussion ensued.

Ultimately, no action was taken. This business item will be discussed again at the next regular session or a special session.

Public Comments (2 in attendance)

Earl Moore addressed the board regarding connection to TRSD. Mr. Moore stated that he has been paying the minimum fee for the past 20 years and is looking to finally connect. He stated that he was promised a grinder pump by the District in the beginning with no capacity or permit fees. It was suggested that he have an inspection and pursue an exemption. The board cannot allow free connections.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, *Tyler McClish moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Larry Hayes. Motion carried 3-0.* The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Board Member

Prepared and submitted by Justin Saathoff, BCS Management.