

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, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (*Motions italicized*)
Board members present: Tyler McClish, John Kilmer, Brad Bray
Also present: Justin Saathoff - BCS Management, Christopher Kellner - BCS Management, Tom Astbury - Astbury Water Technology (6:09 arrival), Brent Dechert - Attorney (6:12 arrival)

Call to order: Vice President Tyler McClish 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 President Scott Waymire and Treasurer Larry Hayes.

Minutes: Minutes for regular session 8/11/2026 were presented for board approval by Justin Saathoff. *Brad Bray moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by John Kilmer. Motion carried 3-0.*

Treasurer's Report: *Brad Bray made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by John Kilmer. Motion carried 3-0.*

Business Reports:

Administration Report - Justin Saathoff, BCS Management

Justin Saathoff addressed the board stating the fund balances at the end of August were as follows: Operating Fund at \$31,297.72; Grinder Pump Maintenance Fund at \$3,272.71; and Capital Fund at \$14,330.53. This brings the total funds to approx. \$49k (up \$2k MoM). Claims were at approx. \$64,264.36 (up \$17k MoM - largely due to the purchase and installation of the manual bar screen). One connection extension was reported for the month of August. 25 properties still remain from the enforcement efforts. August website data analytics were presented. There were 104 total visits to the website, 190 pages viewed, and 86 unique users.

It was reported that Pilgrim Holiness Church has paid their balance in full. Updated language including the date, time, and location of monthly board meetings have been prepared to send out on the next bill as requested by President Waymire in the last regular session. An on-call engineering agreement was suggested for the District. BCS has a recommendation but any suggestions from the board are welcome. An agreement can be ready for review in the next meeting. A reminder was issued that another round of liens will be filed on October 1. 3 grinder pumps were replaced in August. The District currently has 0 new pumps and 4 rebuilds in stock leaving a secure total of 4.

Operations and Maintenance Report - Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies

Tom Astbury delivered his monthly report to the board for the date range of 8/10/26 to 9/8/26. The treatment plant was in full compliance and the average daily flow was 44,000 gpd. Maximum daily flow was 77,000 gpd. Plenty of capacity remains as the plant is rated for 175,000 gpd. All removal percentages were above 97%. 19 locates were performed in August.

MEG Services (MEG) performed recommended cooling system service on the SR 26 lift station on August 27. During this service, it was noticed that the alternator had developed a crack and will need to be replaced. In the meantime, the unit is not operable. MEG provided a quote for a total of \$1,094.00.

It was reported that the area received almost 6" of rain between August 12 and August 16. While a formal infiltration and inflow (I/I) investigation has not been performed, the system received significant I/I during the heavy precipitation event. Astbury believes most of the I/I is entering through grinder station lids that become submerged. Although there could be other sources such as prohibited customer sump pump and downspout connections, much of the flow seems to come from surface water because it dissipates relatively quickly. This flooding event caused us a variety of challenges. Astbury has not calculated the pollutant loading for the month of August, but it does appear as though TRSD WWTF maintained full permit compliance throughout August despite the flooding event. Flows during some days exceeded 500,000 gallons per-day (GPD) of the 175,000 GPD permitted capacity. Astbury was able to shut down the blowers during some of these peak flows to prevent a loss of biosolids from the WWTF. Also during the flooding event and several days thereafter, many customer grinder stations had recurring alarms. These alarms weren't due to equipment issues or anything in the control of the District or Astbury. The collection system was so overloaded with flow that it exceeded its capacity and smaller grinder pumps (like the E/One grinder) were trying unsuccessfully to pump water into a collection system that was filled to capacity. Conditions such as this cause high power consumption but more importantly, they cause extreme wear on the pumps and control panels. While the larger lift stations (Main and SR 26) did not encounter any issues during the flooding event, the smaller ones such as Timbernest and Crossroads did. The pumps and associated electrical equipment encountered significant strain trying to pump water from the far ends of the service area into a collection system that was filled beyond its capacity. Timbernest required a replacement relay due to the control panel overheating while the pumps tried to push water into the collection System. It returned to normal operations relatively quickly and avoided an overflow. Crossroads had more issues during and after this event due to electrical component failure because of the strain placed on the equipment trying to evacuate water to the collection system. The lift station had a small overflow on August 23 which was quickly remediated. This lift station continues to suffer from electrical issues originating from the flooding event. Astbury believes that this force main has design and/or construction issues that makes it particularly susceptible to flooding events and limits its capacity.

Investigating and remediating I/I issues throughout the collection system should be a priority for the District. This is vital to prevent premature equipment failure, customer service issues, excess electrical usage, and sanitary sewer releases. Astbury believes this could be addressed initially through an intensive collection system inspection program combined with replacement of compromised grinder station lids, installation of grinder station risers, and reaching out to customers regarding prohibited sump pump and downspout connections. At a minimum, Astbury believes that \$50,000 needs to be budgeted for this in 2027.

John Kilmer made a motion to approve the repair of the SR 26 lift station alternator for \$1,094 by MEG Services. Seconded by Brad Bray. Motion carried 3-0.

Astbury will obtain quotes for the damaged pump impeller on the SR 26 lift station and for the access cover of the wet well on the main lift station (from Graves Sheet Metal).

Old Business

1. Monarch Springs RV Park Agreement - Justin Saathoff, BCS Management

It was reported that Mr. Statman, the owner of the 2nd farm land proposed to run the sewer line to the RV park, has turned down the offer. Mr. Astbury discussed the opportunity extensively with the landowner without any success. Norfolk Southern was contacted regarding easement issues. It was concluded that an annual fee of approximately \$20,000 would be set for the use of the railroad's easement. With farmland and railroad easements not likely an option, a meeting was held that included BCS Management, the Howard County Stormwater District, the City Engineer, and the RV Park owners on August 31. It was agreed by Jon Pyke, the Howard County Engineering Manager, that Monarch would be permitted to run the line under the road from SR 26 along S 150 E. However, this is quite expensive. After much discussion, it was decided that the RV Park

owners would extend financial compensation to each of the 2 farm landowners (Strunk and Stratman) in exchange for using their easement.

2. Devon Woods Update - Christopher Kellner, BCS Management

Chris Kellner reported awarding the fence repair for \$5,000. It was also reported that only one company, Fluid Waste Services, has expressed interest in inspecting the sewer mains. Their bid was quite higher than expected. Bid closing for this is September 15. A floating boom was installed today to help keep things cleaner and unclogged. After reviewing regionalization opportunities and the possibility of abandoning the Devon Woods plant, the 4 Mile subdivision (40 - 50 homes) is only 2 miles northwest from Devon Woods and only 1 mile from the intersection of the route to Kokomo if that happens to be what is determined to be the best path. Flow readings are forthcoming.

3. BCS Management Services Renewal - Chris Kellner, BCS Management

Mr. Kellner reiterated that it is a one year contract that begins on November 1, as the current contract ends on October 31. There is no increase to the cost of services and the scope of work is also the same with small caveats regarding Devon Woods or if another service area is added and an extended 90 day termination notice. Pricing is proportional to the assessed EDUs. The current assessment of EDUs is 535. Mr. Kellner also commented that he will not be as present in the meetings moving forward. BCS is losing approximately 37% on this particular account and must limit resources at this time. He will continue to serve as the fiscal agent and fulfill all related duties. Justin Saathoff will continue to represent BCS in most public spaces and meetings.

This agenda item was again tabled until the next meeting in October.

New Business

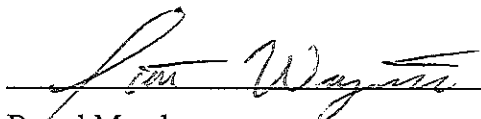
None

Public Comments (1 in attendance)

Brock McVeigh questioned activity on his road (marking lines and truck activity) on Center Road. Mr. Astbury stated that he was not aware of any activity in his area related to sewer or the District and suggested that it most likely has to do with fiber runs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, *Brad Bray moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Kilmer. Motion carried 3-0.* The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next regular session will be held on October 13, 2026.



Board Member

Prepared and submitted by Justin Saathoff, BCS Management.