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Service Board

BOARD MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the L.E.A.D. Center, Building 101, at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

Roll was called and those board members present were: Bob Logan, Chairman; Doug Carl; Bill Dorsey; and Von Jackson. Mia Erickson, Al Green, and Herschel Lewis were absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Chuck Binkerd, Director; Pat Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering and Solid Waste; Robin Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations and Maintenance; and Misty Humphries, Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to add Item G Water Main Break Quotes to the agenda under New Business. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting. Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Jackson all voted aye. Mr. Logan abstained as he was not present at the meeting. Motion carried.

Update on Projects – P. Pinkerton

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the contractor for the cured-in-place projects had been in town. Mr. Pinkerton said he looked for the contractor to be back within a couple of weeks to start lining. The contractor would be lining in 10 different areas. Mr. Dorsey asked if Valley Avenue was on the list. Mr. Pinkerton said there were some other projects that would be done with the rate increase which included Valley Avenue.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

Mrs. Shrader presented pay request number 14 to James Jackson Construction in the amount of \$466,844.25 which represented 85.9% of the contract completion. Mr. Logan asked if the work was on target. Mrs. Shrader said there had been some delays. She said that the substantial completion deadline would be met, but it would be down to the wire. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the pay request as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 5-2022 RECOMMENDING A WATER RATE INCREASE

Mr. Binkerd asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. The Cost of Service analysis information was just received earlier today. Mr. Binkerd said that Mrs. Wilson with Crowe and Mr. Janak with Bose McKinney would need some time to review the information.



LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN CHANGE ORDER

Mrs. Shrader presented change order number nine which consisted of two parts. Mrs. Shrader explained that a piping adjustment was needed after digging under Bond Avenue. The cost was \$4,000. As things were being put back together near the chloring and sulfur dioxide buildings it was discovered that instead of having a sidewalk with gravel on both sides, it would be better for water runoff to have the area concreted. The cost was \$6,545. These two items brought the change order total to \$10,545. Mr. Logan commented that the overall change orders for a project this size had been minimal. Mrs. Shrader added that the overall total of change orders was \$94,759. Mr. Dorsey moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the change order for the two items. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPORT FOR PHASE 2 MATTER PARK POND RESTORATION

Mr. Binkerd stated that the Board had previously approved participation with the Matter Park Restoration project at \$2,500 for Phase I. Mr. Binkerd said the second phase was to complete some work on the inlet. The costs were similar to Phase I. Mr. Binkerd said that support was being requested for Phase II. Mr. Binkerd recommended participation at the same \$2,500 level for Phase II. Mr. Binkerd said that a pipe would be installed to help with debris and leaves from entering the waterway. Mr. Carl asked if another grant was being sought. Mr. Binkerd said he was not sure. Mr. Carl asked how much needed to be raised. Mr. Binkerd said he thought it was \$50,000 which was the same amount of Phase I. Mr. Binkerd noted that this was not the same type of donation or sponsorship that would fall under the Sponsorship policy. Mr. Logan asked if the budget would support a donation at this level. Mr. Binkerd said it would. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve a donation of \$2,500 for Phase II of the Matter Park Pond Restoration project. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SPHERE QUOTE

Mrs. Shrader presented the quotes for repair to the sphere. The repair was needed due to safety issues and functionality needs. Mrs. Shrader said that quotes were sought in order to bring the sphere up to code. One quote was received from Trivaco in the amount \$28,460. Mrs. Shrader said that in order to prepare the sphere for repairs, the gas would have to be evacuated which would require nitrogen gas and labor. Mrs. Shrader said she would like to ask for approval with a not to exceed amount of \$65,000, which would include the \$28,460, in order to cover the costs of the nitrogen and labor. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the repair to the sphere for an amount not to exceed \$65,000. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

CANCER SERVICES SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Mr. Binkerd said that a sponsorship request was received from Cancer Services for the Color Me Pink Fun Run in the amount of \$500. Mr. Binkerd said that the Board sponsored this event at the \$500 level last year. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the sponsorship request at the \$500 level. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER MAIN BREAK QUOTE

Mrs. Shrader said this quote was for a break by The Collins Group. There was a large break at 8th and Nebraska that took a lot of resources. The break at The Collins Group was more substantial. Mrs. Shrader said she sought quotes from four contractors. She received responses from two. Mrs. Shrader explained that the quotes were based on the worst case scenario so the costs could be lower. Keith Sullivan quoted

\$68,500; and Culy Contracting quoted \$78,064. Mrs. Shrader recommended the quote of Keith Sullivan as it was the low quote. Mr. Dorsey moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the quote submitted by Keith Sullivan. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported that Solid Waste hauled 56 tons of waste per day last month. The group was on track to haul about the same this month. Mr. Pinkerton said that the figures were in line with those from last year if not a little bit higher. Mr. Logan said recycling seemed to be very busy. Mr. Pinkerton said that things were going well, but plastic was losing its value. Mr. Pinkerton said that the System Maintenance workgroup completed the second pass of the City with street sweeping. The group was now concentrating on rain events and known flood areas.

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader said that she was working on hiring a lab technician. She had an interview today, someone not show up for an interview on Monday, and another interview tomorrow. Workgroups were focused on wrapping up the large project. Mrs. Shrader added that some customers were confused on how to reach the lab but that was being managed. Mr. Dorsey said he was surprised as there were a lot of signs and arrows directing traffic.

C. Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd reported that a long time employee, Cindy Hawkins, would be retiring tomorrow. She has worked here since February, 1998. After 24 1/2 years of service, she was ready to take a break. Mr. Binkerd invited the Board to stop by and wish her well at her retirement celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the L.E.A.D. Center. Mr. Logan asked who would replace Mrs. Hawkins. Mr. Binkerd said Lee Brewer was selected as the new HR Specialist. Mrs. Brewer had been training and was ready to move into the HR position.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no board member comments.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan thanked Mr. Carl for serving while Mr. Logan was out of the country.

Because of the timing with the rate study, the next meeting was scheduled for October 13th. It was imperative to meet at that time was because a Resolution has to be passed before the October 18th City Council meeting. Mr. Binkerd apologized for deviating from the normal meeting schedule.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adjourn the meeting. All board members voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST



Misty Humphries
Its Secretary