



BOARD MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on December 1, 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: Doug Carl, Vice-Chairman; Bill Dorsey; Mia Erickson; Al Green; Von Jackson; and Herschel Lewis. Bob Logan was 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; Mike Conner, Attorney; Tiffany Snyder, Accounting/Billing Coordinator; and Misty Humphries, Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Erickson moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Mrs. Snyder presented the October financials. Mrs. Snyder stated that sales were at expected levels for Water and Storm Water and higher than average for Wastewater and Solid Waste. However, the actual cash receipt for each utility was lower than sales because there was an increase to accounts receivable. Mrs. Snyder said that operating expense was at average for Water, Storm Water, and Solid Waste. Wastewater expenses were higher than average due to the payment of a digester lid repair (which is categorized as an expense rather than a capital improvement.) This \$175,000 expense in October drove up the Wastewater operating expenses. Water and Solid Waste both experienced a positive cash flow. Mrs. Snyder explained that Wastewater and Storm Water were negative but that was due to the capital expenditure, not due to operations. Both have positive operating cash flow, but the expenditure on capital caused the cash flow negative for the utility in total. Mr. Dorsey moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the financials as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the Horton & Harrison Water Project were complete. Restoration will be completed in the spring. The cured-in-place projects were over halfway done. Mr. Pinkerton shared pictures of two demolished properties that were recently purchased. Mr. Pinkerton share that the main at the Wabash property was literally 6" below the basement of the house. He explained that there would be some work done next year as there were some sink holes in the backyard. Mr. Dorsey asked if the floor was perforated. Mr. Pinkerton said that was





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corrugated metal. Mr. Lewis asked how they did that since it would be in violation of regulations. Mr. Pinkerton explained that this was private property so the builders could do what they wanted. Mr. Pinkerton reported that the recently purchased property on 2nd Street had been torn down. The brown house shown in the background would be the next to come down according to Mr. Pinkerton. It was located just north of the old YMCA.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023 BUDGETS

Mr. Binkerd quickly reviewed parts of the 2023 budgets. He explained that the water budget was an operations budget only, and \$700,000 from cash reserve funds would still have to be used to support the budget. Mrs. Erickson asked what the projections for 2024 looked like. Mr. Binkerd said that it was a much different picture as revenues would increase with the rate increase. The Wastewater Utility budget will require cash reserve funds to be used as well. The Wastewater budget would be focused on the digester issue which was the reason for the overage. The Storm Water budget will have \$400,000 from cash reserves and \$400,000 from equipment reserve funds to support the budget. The Solid Waste budget expected revenues did include a rate increase for part of the year. The budgets include a COLA increase of 8.7% that would go into effect if the budgets were passed. Mr. Carl asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey to approve the 2023 budgets. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

514 E BRADFORD & 154 N CAMPBELL REQUESTS

Mr. Binkerd asked that these requests be tabled as the Water Committee has not had an opportunity to meet.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There were none.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS PROPOSAL APPROVAL

Mr. Binkerd shared the proposals for the 2023 ancillary benefits. He noted that the Utility was remaining with UnitedHealthcare for 2023 health insurance as they agreed to a 6.9% increase if we agreed not to shop. For Dental and Vision, Mr. Binkerd recommended staying with Equitable. Group Term Life and Short Term Disability were recommended to move to One America as there would be a cost savings and the rates were locked in for two years. Mr. Carl asked if there was a reduction in benefits. Mr. Binkerd said no. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the ancillary benefits proposal recommendations. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 7-2022 SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Binkerd explained that Resolution 7-2022 was a part of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) needed for presentation of the Water Rate Increase case to the IURC. The Resolution states that the Board authorizes the Director to be the signatory for entering into the State Revolving Loan program. Mr. Binkerd added that Mr. Conner reviewed the Resolution as well. Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve Resolution 7-2022. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.





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SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton said for the month of November there were 904 tons of solid waste through the Transfer Station. This was the second most tonnage on record. This was 51.21 tons per day. Mr. Pinkerton said it looked like crews would not haul more trash to the landfill this year than the previous year for the first time ever.

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader stated there have been some difficulties with vehicles lately. A deer perished on one accident. The other accident occurred here on campus, and there were no injuries. Jim Dalrymple will be retiring after more than 30 years of service. His last day will be December 22nd. Jim had been the Drinking Water Supervisor and was retiring as the Program Support Coordinator. Matt Guerin will be replacing Mr. Dalrymple. Mr. Guerin has been training with Mr. Dalrymple since August.

C. Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd reminded the Board of the Christmas luncheon on December 15th. King Gyros would be catering. Mr. Binkerd said this was a time for fellowship, great food, and good fun. Mr. Binkerd thanked Mr. Conner for his donation to the party as well.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

VICE- CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Carl thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Logan was out of the country but should be back by the first meeting in January.

The next normally scheduled meeting would be on Thursday, December 15, 2022. However, the Senior Leadership Team will confirm if the meeting was needed or not.

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

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Doug Carl, Vice-Chairman
Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST

Misty Humphries
Its Secretary

