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Service Board

BOARD MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on December 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.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, Vice-Chairman; Bill Dorsey; Mia Erickson; Al Green; Von Jackson; and Herschel Lewis.

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

Mr. Carl noted that a correction was needed regarding attendance. Mrs. Erickson was present at the meeting of December 1, 2022. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the minutes subject to the correction. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the cured-in-place projects were completed and that there was not much restoration. Mr. Pinkerton also stated that the Harrison & Horton Street Water Main Project was undergoing bacteriological tests. The first test passed.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

Mrs. Shrader presented pay request number 17 to James S. Jackson in the amount of \$271,318.10 for work on the Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Pinkerton presented pay request number two to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$224,101.50 for the cured-in-place sanitary projects, and pay request number two to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$151,696 for the cured-in-place storm projects. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the pay requests as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 8-2022 APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Binkerd presented Resolution 8-2022. He explained that one of the requirements for the water rate case was that a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) be completed. Essentially, it gives a lot of background about the Utility and the projects that the rate increase would pay for.





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Some of the projects include the overhead water tanks; the water meter project; lead and copper abatement; as well as some others. Mr. Binkerd said that the Resolution stated the PER was approved and would be presented to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for their consideration of funding and hopefully their approval. This was a hoop that had to be jumped through. Mr. Carl asked if a lot of the projects had been previously presented. Mr. Binkerd said yes. Mr. Logan asked if there was anything different in the PER than what had previously been reported. Mr. Binkerd said that some of the costs had increased due to the current economy. Mr. Binkerd said that there had been several conversations with Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Janak about the changing costs because the financial reports may vary from the PER. Mr. Binkerd explained that the PER included updated costs whereas the financials were previously prepared and included costs at the time of preparation. Mr. Carl asked if the public hearing would be held Monday, December 19th. Mr. Binkerd answered yes. Mr. Carl noted that the language in clause two stated that there weren't any objections at the public meeting. Mr. Binkerd said that if there were any objections an amendment to the Resolution would be made and brought back to the Board. Mr. Conner suggested a language change. Mr. Binkerd asked Mr. Conner if he had any objections to the Board voting for approval of the Resolution subject to his recommendations for revision. Mr. Conner said no. Mr. Dorsey moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, subject to the recommendations by Counsel being made. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton had nothing further to report. Mr. Dorsey asked about working around Carey Street. Mr. Pinkerton said that there was going to be a sewer lining project in that area next year. While preparing for the project, a leaking private line was located in the alley.

R Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader reported that the Long Term Control Plan was wrapping up. The contractor was only a couple of weeks away from substantial completion.

C Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd stated that in 13 minutes from now there was a Christmas party that would be starting.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no board member comments.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan said it was good to be back. He said that the Board was a great team to work with as well as employees and staff. Mr. Logan stated that this was a great organization to be associated with. Mr. Logan wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a speedy recover for those that were ill. Mr. Lewis shared that his wife was experiencing some health issues and appreciated the good thoughts.

The next normally scheduled meeting would be on Thursday, January 5, 2023.





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

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST

Misty Humphries
Its Secretary

