



Marion Utilities

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Service Board

BOARD MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2024 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024 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: Robert Logan, Chairman; Doug Carl; Bill Dorsey; Von Jackson; Herschel Lewis; and Jayda Monteiro. Reverend Al Green was absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Chuck Binkerd, Director; Pat Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste; Robin Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance; Mike Conner, Attorney; Sherry Loshnowsky, Communications Specialist; Misty Humphries, Secretary; and Brian Shrader.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton said that some of the post award submittals were still being worked on for the SRF projects. He thought that everything needed for the Distribution Lead Service Line project was received. Mr. Pinkerton said he was still waiting on paperwork for the two tank projects and the meter project.

1327 W. 1ST STREET CUSTOMER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Mr. Binkerd said that the Water Committee discussed the customer request at 1327 W. 1st Street. The owner was a landlord renting to college students. The tenants left for a weekend and the toilet ran creating a substantial bill. Normally, toilet leaks were not adjusted. However, there had been times when extenuating circumstances resulted in an adjustment being made. This was one of those times as there was no wrong doing, there were no other adjustment requests or penalties on the account either. Mr. Lewis asked how much the adjustment and regular bill were. Mr. Binkerd said the adjustment was \$684.39. Mrs. Humphries said the bill was \$736.08 before the adjustment. Dr. Monteiro asked if this was the first adjustment. Mr. Binkerd answered yes. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Dr. Monteiro, to approve the recommendation of the Water Committee by adjusting the bill in the amount of \$684.39. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There was no transfer or pay requests presented.

TIC INSPECTION PROPOSAL

Mrs. Shrader explained that TIC stood for Tank Industry Consultants, and that the Utilities had worked with TIC in the past. TIC provided a monitoring proposal for both the overhead tank rehabilitation projects. TIC would have experts onsite monitoring what was being done, metal was being treated properly, paint was the correct thickness, and that the specifications were being met. Mrs. Shrader also noted that TIC was used when the High School tank was rehabilitated. The proposals high end called for 16-18 weeks of work at \$141,600 for each tank. If the work takes less than 16-18 weeks the price would be lower. Mr. Logan clarified that there would be approximately a \$2 million dollar cost for each tank plus the inspection. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the proposal of Tank Industry Consultants. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRING

Dr. Monteiro spoke on behalf of the Personnel Committee. There were three applicants for the position. Two internal and one external. Dr. Monteiro recommended on behalf of the Personnel Committee that Robin Shrader be offered the position of Executive Director. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Logan congratulated Mrs. Shrader on behalf of the Board and wished her many years of success. Mr. Logan also thanked the Personnel Committee for their work.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported that March was a remarkably unremarkable month for Solid Waste in March. There were 792 tons in total which averaged 49.5 tons per day. This was the fourth or fifth highest month which was a nice change.

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader said that crews had been dewatering biosolids. They would be spread as soon as the weather would permit. There were almost half a million gallons processed. The first step was addressing the sludge pudding. This was the second step to getting things where they needed to be.

C. Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd said he had been busy trying to juggle two jobs. He appreciates the Board providing him the flexibility to take calls and meet with people on behalf of the Growth Council. Now that word was out, it had been a little busy. Mr. Binkerd thanked Mrs. Shrader for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Binkerd said he knew Mrs. Shrader had always done a great job and would continue to do so in the future.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Carl asked how employees and the press would be notified. Mr. Binkerd said that an employee meeting was being held tomorrow at 8 a.m. and a press release would be published as well. Mr. Binkerd asked the Board for their permission to open the office at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow so all

employees could be present for the announcement. Mr. Logan asked Mr. Conner if an official vote was needed. Mr. Conner stated no. The Board agreed to open the office at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan congratulated Mrs. Shrader and said that she had great leaders in front of her. Mr. Logan said he and the board looked forward to her great service being continued at the Utilities.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Misty D. Humphries". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Misty Humphries
Its Secretary