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## Service Board

Memo To: All Utility Board Members  
From: Bob Logan, Chairman  
Date: May 31, 2019  
Re: Agenda for June 6, 2019 Utility Service Board Meeting

Dear Board Member:

This is to inform you of our Board Meeting to be held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Marion Utilities Administration Building at 1540 North Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

The following will be the agenda:

- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Regular meeting of May 16, 2019
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Update on Projects- P. Pinkerton





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### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transfers & Pay Requests – Senior Leadership Team
- B. Training Room Parking Lot Bids- P. Pinkerton
- C. Mezzanine Roof Quotes- R. Shrader
- D. Confirmation of AEP Rate Case Intervention- C. Binkerd

### VII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste- P. Pinkerton
- B. Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance- R. Shrader
- C. Utility Director- C. Binkerd

### VII. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

### IX. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

### X. NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

Robert Logan, Chairman  
Marion Utility Service Board

cc: News Media  
City Administration/Council  
Department Heads





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### **BOARD MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2019 MEETING**

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the Administration building at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

Roll was called and those board members present were: Doug Carl, Vice Chairman; Mike Barney; Bill Dorsey; 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 & Solid Waste; Robin Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance; Mike Conner, Attorney; Alan Miller, Council Liaison; Misty Humphries, Board Secretary; Brian Bishir, Marion Utilities; and Mark Theel, Marion Utilities.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2019. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the paving at the Home Avenue project is complete. There are a few punch list items to finish. Inland has finished the Brinker Heights area. There is one area where there is a little wrinkle in the liner to fix.

#### **TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS**

Mr. Pinkerton presented the first pay request to Inland Water Pollution Control in the amount of \$123,766.47 for the work done on the Brinker Heights Cured-In-Place Project. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the pay request as presented. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **TRAINING CENTER PARKING LOT BIDS**

Mr. Pinkerton reported that bids for the Training Room Parking Lot Project were opened Tuesday. There were three bids submitted. Dave's Excavating bid was \$128,238.25; Keith Sullivan's bid was \$138,928.85; and E&B's bid was \$160,732.60. Mr. Pinkerton recommended Dave's Excavating as they were the low bidder. He also noted that E&B was expected to bid high. Mr. Green moved, seconded by



Mr. Lewis, to approve the bid submitted by Dave's Excavating in the amount of \$128,238.25. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MEZZANINE ROOF QUOTES**

Mrs. Shrader stated that one of the storms caused water to collect in the insulation backing over the mezzanine at the 1400 building. Mrs. Shrader said the Senior Leadership Team felt it was necessary to replace the roof so additional damage would not be sustained. The only section that would be repaired is area over the mezzanine and not the entire roof. Quotes were sought, but only one quote was received. It was from Gillespie & Morrell in the amount of \$20,032.47. The project was not budgeted. However, financing for the repair would come from the Wastewater budget line that included the purchase of dewatering equipment. The dewatering equipment is not going to be purchased this year. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the Mezzanine Roof Quote submitted by Gillespie & Morrell. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONFIRMATION OF AEP RATE CASE INTERVENTION**

Mr. Binkerd explained that AEP has filed with the IURC for the second time in less than two years for a rate increase. Mr. Binkerd said the firm of Bose McKinney has monitored the case. There were some documents that had to be filed in order to intervene in the case. Mr. Binkerd consulted with Mr. Logan, Mr. Carl, and Mr. Conner in order to meet the filing deadline. He was now presented the confirmatory resolution. AEP is requesting an 11.75% increase across the board. Different tiers for tariffs may be built in at some point. However, as it stands, the Utilities would see almost a \$65,000 increase. Mr. Binkerd said that Ft. Wayne and possibly South Bend would join the intervention. There are other cities, vendors, and organizations filing as well. Mr. Binkerd reported that after the last intervention, \$45,000 of contributions and benefits came back to the Utilities. Mr. Binkerd said he would like to see the rate rolled back to 8% which will save the Utilities about \$20,000 per year. Resolution 4-2019 was presented to the Board. Mr. Binkerd explained that the first paragraph states I&M is filing a petition for a rate increase; the second paragraph states that Marion Utilities is a customer of AEP or I&M and is filing an intervention as there would be a substantial impact if the rate increase is passed. Mr. Binkerd stated that the City Council will be presented with a carbon copy of this should the Board decide to pass the Resolution. Mr. Lewis asked if the rate increase would also apply to residential consumers. Mr. Binkerd said yes. Mr. Binkerd said that the money that is continually asked for is the same money that the Utilities needs in order to maintain our system. There has not been a water rate since 2005. Eventually, a rate increase will be needed. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve Resolution 4-2019. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste**

Mr. Pinkerton stated that in March 918 tons of solid waste was hauled to the landfill; April saw 907 tons hauled to the landfill; and May had 1,039 tons hauled to the landfill. Every month has been higher than the previous three to four years. The revenue from drop offs is at \$23,000 which is what the Solid Waste Utility was at for the entire year last year. Mr. Pinkerton explained that Solid Waste is also bumping up against the ceiling of the permit. Mr. Carl asked what happens if the permit's limit is exceeded. Mr. Pinkerton said that receiving restrictions would have to be put in place or there would have to be an application for a new permit which is a difficult and lengthy process. Mr. Pinkerton said he would be reviewing the tipping fees.

There are some contractors getting a very good deal by dumping at the Transfer Station. Mr. Pinkerton also informed the Board that there was a roll over at the landfill on Monday. The truck is at Stoops in Fort Wayne being looked at for repair. The dirt road at the landfill had a soft shoulder, when the driver corrected, the soft dirt pulled the truck in into the ditch. The truck didn't roll completely over, but it did roll onto its side. Mr. Dorsey asked if there was an off-work injury. Mr. Pinkerton said yes.

**R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance**

Mrs. Shrader reported that two people were hired for summer mowing and other odd jobs. She also reported that the Training Room was painted. There are still several things to happen such as carpet and lights. Hopefully, the space will be accessible by this time next month. It was reported that the Wastewater and Water crews have been moving bio-solids. They are doing a fantastic job. Mrs. Shrader explained that it is important because there is only so much room for bio-solids at the plant. This can create a serious problem and can be very expensive to get rid of. Mrs. Shrader stated that Community Day preparations are underway, and tomorrow would be very busy. Everyone was invited to attend.

**C. Binkerd, Executive Director**

Mr. Binkerd said that normally there are 70-80 pre-registrations for Community day. This year there are over 250 pre-registrations this year. Mr. Binkerd said "Thank you" to all of the employees who volunteer their day. It is a way to give back to the community and say that we appreciate them.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Board comments.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Carl thanked everyone for their attendance and reported that Mr. Logan would be back for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

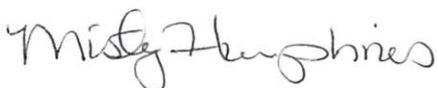
The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the meeting be adjourned. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman  
Marion Utilities Service Board

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Misty Humphries  
Its Secretary