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Service Board

Memo To: All Utility Board Members
From: Bob Logan, Chairman
Date: March 1, 2022
Re: Agenda for March 3, 2022 Utility Board Meeting

Dear Board Member:

This is to inform you of our Board Meeting to be held Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in in the L.E.A.D Center Building 101 at Marion Utilities, 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. Meeting of February 10, 2022
- V. **FINANCIALS**
 - A. December, 2021
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update on Projects – P. Pinkerton





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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transfers & Pay Requests - Senior Leadership Team

B. Sponsorship Requests- C. Binkerd

VIII. SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

A. Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste- P. Pinkerton

B. Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance- R. Shrader

C. Utility Director- C. Binkerd

IX. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

X. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

XI. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utility Service Board

cc: News Media
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BOARD MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2022 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, March 3, 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 Al Green. Mia Erickson, Von Jackson 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; Mike Conner, Attorney; Brad Luzadder, Council Liaison; and Misty Humphries, Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Dorsey, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 regular meeting. All board members voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Binkerd explained that a modification of the December, 2021 was being discussed. However, there was no modification needed at this time so the December, 2021 would remain as previously approved.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton reported that Valley Avenue Water Main Project was completed. Mr. Pinkerton said it was not in service yet; although, it did pass the first bacteriological test today. Mr. Pinkerton presented the 2022 cured-in-place projects. The projects will focus on railroads and the hard to reach areas in the north end of Marion such as those that require easements and that those that were out of the way.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There was no transfer or pay requests.

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Mr. Binkerd presented two sponsorship requests. The first was a request from Marion Babe Ruth Baseball. The second request was from Cancer Services for the 2022 Walk of Hope. Mr. Binkerd reminded the Board that both of these groups received sponsorships last year. Mr. Binkerd recommended sponsoring both organizations at the second tier as was done in the previous year. The second tier for the Babe Ruth Baseball organization was \$300. The second tier for Cancer Services Walk of Hope was \$500. Mr. Dorsey moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the sponsorships as recommended. All board members



present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Carl asked how much was budgeted for donations and sponsorships. Mr. Binkerd answered \$2,500.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering and Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported that in January Solid Waste averaged 46.7 tons per day; in February Solid Waste averaged 49.2 tons per day. Both of those figures were the heaviest on record since starting the Solid Waste Utility.

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader began by following up on a question from the last board meeting regarding the Long Term Control Plan. After seven draws on the Long Term Control Plan funds, the project was 43.9% completed. Mrs. Shrader then shared pictures of new slaker project at the Water Plant and noted that at one point the room was wide open. The new tanks and equipment were in so the room has filled back up. Mrs. Shrader said that some great progress had been made as crews were pulling wires in preparation for start-up. Mrs. Shrader then presented Long Term Control Plan project pictures which included the new chlorine tank and vault and progress on the large tank at the 1400 building location. Mrs. Shrader also reported that the contractor was getting ready to pour the walls as the structures were in place. Mr. Logan asked how big the tank was. Mrs. Shrader said the holding tank was 750,000 gallons. Mr. Carl asked if the road would be paved when the work was done. Mrs. Shrader said the area would be fixed once the work was done. Mrs. Shrader said that participating employees were halfway through Leadership Development Institute provided through IWEA. The next step was to get AWWA involved in a similar program. Mrs. Shrader also reported that some people had been looking at what the Utilities have done with internships. Others were experiencing the same needs and seeing success in our program. Mrs. Shrader said she was looking forward to conversations statewide with Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Ivy Tech.

C. Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd reported that he attended the joint AWWA Water Environment Federation Utility Management Conference last week. It was timely in terms of topical material. As Councilman Luzadder and Mr. Binkerd were talking earlier about the need for rate increases, there was a huge emphasis on establishing rate structures and sustainability. Every community struggles with sustainability and planning for infrastructure and maintenance needs so there was a lot of good and timely information presented. It also provided an opportunity to make good connections. As far as the rate increase process, the consultants would be brought together and conversations with the Council would be held in the future. Mr. Logan said he and the other board members were thankful that Mr. Binkerd was available to attend the conference, make those connections, and come away with useful information.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan wished Mr. Lewis a speedy recovery and hoped to see him soon. The next meeting was scheduled after the daylight savings time change. This means spring and summer would be quick to follow.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 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