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Service Board

Memo To: All Utility Board Members
From: Bob Logan, Chairman
Date: April 14, 2020
Re: Agenda for April 16, 2020 Utility Board Meeting

Dear Board Member:

This is to inform you of our Board Meeting to be held Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Due to the current health crisis, the meeting will be held via Zoom. In order to join the meeting, visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/95533032234?pwd=RjNyM2FDdFpIT2Q2VUszU0txTmlGZz09>

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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 April 2, 2020
- V. **FINANCIALS**
 - A. March, 2020
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update on Projects – Pinkerton





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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transfers & Pay Requests - Senior Leadership Team
- B. Approval of Docket- C. Binkerd
- C. CIPP Phase I & Phase II Project Approval- P. Pinkerton
- D. Resolution 1-2020 Local Limit Re-Evaluation & Establishment- R. Shrader

IX. 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

X. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

XI. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

XII. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utility Service Board

cc: News Media
City Administration/Council
Department Heads





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BOARD MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2020 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. In order to join the meeting, the public was invited to visit

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Roll was called and those board members present were: Bob Logan, Chairman; Mike Barney; Doug Carl; Al Green; and Von Jackson. Bill Dorsey 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; Mike Conner, Attorney; Shana Martin, Accounting and Billing Coordinator; and Misty Humphries, Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Barney, to approve the regular minutes of the April 2, 2020 meeting. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Ms. Martin presented the financials for March, 2020. Ms. Martin noted that a gain for the month was shown. She noted that Stormwater Construction paid a \$70,000 disbursement. Mr. Logan asked if the Wastewater gain was a normal gain. Ms. Martin stated that there would normally be more claims than the \$70,000 disbursement. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the financials as presented. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton reported that there were no projects at this time.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There was no transfer or pay requests.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Mr. Logan stated that the docket was sent out prior to the meeting. He asked if there were any questions regarding items on the docket. There being no questions, Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the docket. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously.



CIPP PHASE I & PHASE II PROJECT APPROVAL

Mr. Pinkerton explained that there are four phases of cured-in-place projects budgeted for this year. Phase I & Phase II were bid out of Wastewater. Phase I consists of six projects. The project areas were in north Marion and included Woodland & Northwood, Thomas Lane & Gardener Court, North Drive & Lincolnshire, Spencer & Norton, and First & Bradner. There were five contractors that picked up bid packages. Insight Pipe was the low bid at \$93312. Insituform bid \$103,951.35; Inland Water bid \$106,449; and Granite Inliner bid \$111,506. United Survey was the fifth company that picked up a bid packet. However, they did not submit a bid. Everything checked out fine with Inland Pipe. Insituform was not the low bid, and if they were the bid could not have been accepted because Insituform's last line item did not meet the specification. Mr. Carl asked if Insight Pipe had been used before. Mr. Pinkerton said they had not been used before, but their references checked out. Mr. Carl asked where they were from. Mr. Pinkerton said Harmony, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jackson asked how long they had been in business. Mr. Pinkerton said that he was unsure, but they have bid on several projects in the past. Insight Pipe also submitted a bond. Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve the bid for Phase I submitted by Insight Pipe. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pinkerton explained that Phase II included five lining projects. The project areas Marshall & Ohio, Brinker Court, Koldyke Drive, 9th & 10th Street, and 15th Street from Layton to Hill. The same companies that submitted bids for Phase I bid on Phase II as well. Mr. Pinkerton informed the Board that Insituform messed up their mobilization line item. Insituform was the low bid at \$121,000. However, the bid was disqualified because of the mobilization line item. Insight Pipe bid \$146,336; Inland Water bid \$155,061; and Granite Inliner bid \$176,726. Mr. Logan and Mr. Jackson both noted the disparity amongst the bids. Mr. Pinkerton said that it is not uncommon to see some disparity. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Barney, to approve the bid of Insight Pipe for Phase II. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jackson asked if those submitting bids were employed by the companies or if they were independent contractors. Mr. Pinkerton said that the contractors were so large that they employ bid estimators. Mr. Pinkerton said that the estimator for Insituform just missed the mobilization number.

RESOLUTION 1-2020 LOCAL LIMIT RE-EVALUATION & ESTABLISHMENT

Mrs. Shrader presented Resolution 1-2020. She explained that the NPDES for the Wastewater Treatment plant was renewed. Mrs. Shrader explained the process stating that the background concentrations of what is being sent to us was reviewed and compared to the industrial results or what industries could send to the plant. The two are then compared to the plant limits according to our permit. The only changes have to do with lead and copper. Mrs. Shrader said that there were some lead and copper limits imposed on Marion Utilities. The changes included lowering copper from ten (10) to eight (8), and lowering lead from three (3) to two point five (2.5). Mrs. Shrader stated everything else was in a good spot compared to where it was five years ago. The EPA has said it is approvable. However, the EPA is waiting on approval by this Board before taking it to the final step of approval. Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Green, to adopt Resolution 1-2020 as presented. A roll call vote was called. Voting aye were: Mr. Barney, Mr. Carl, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Logan. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported that he is watching the Solid Waste group. Solid Waste has been heavy from the residential group. The daily tonnage was staying the same because loads are not being taken at the Transfer Station. Mr. Pinkerton said that everyone is healthy. A roll off truck did shut down, but it was repaired and put back in service quickly.

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader said crews have been very busy. Biosolids and lime have been hauled during this time. Keaton Sharp, who has been working as an intern, will join the Distribution crew as a full-time employee. The Wastewater Operator position has been filled. The opening in Program Support will be an internal transfer of Robert Barnett. The Drinking Water Maintenance position is still open. There are three candidates that will be interviewed next week via Zoom or a conference call.

C. Binkerd, Utility Director

Mr. Binkerd stated that the Safety Coordinator interviews have been conducted. He hopes to announce a name at the next meeting. The IURC rate case has been going on for some time. The Commission has made a ruling giving AEP about half of what they are looking for. AEP has asked the Commission to reopen the case suggesting the Commission made an erroneous decision. Our attorneys along with Fort Wayne's and South Bend's do not agree. Mr. Binkerd said he thinks the motion will not go through. He also reported that staff was staying on top of the many COVID-19 updates and situation. EPA and IDEM have been making some decisions regarding compliance, and how they will handle some of the discharge rules in light of inadequate staffing levels. Mr. Binkerd said thank you to all of the crews who are working hard and are being asked to do things in a different manner. Mr. Binkerd said he could not be happier and prouder of the manner which employees have handled the situation. Mr. Logan said the Board would echo the sentiment.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were none.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan thanked the board members for attending via Zoom or conference call. Mr. Logan said he hoped that things would be relaxed enough to hold a meeting in person soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The manner of conducting the meeting will be announced with the next agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST



Misty Humphries
Its Secretary