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## Service Board

### BOARD MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2025 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 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 then called and those board members present were: Robert Logan, Chairman; Doug Carl, Al Green, and Jayda Monteiro. Kristy Barney, Isaiah Fuller, and Herschel Lewis were absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Robin Shrader, Director; Pat Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste; Tiffany Snyder, Accounting/Billing Coordinator; Kyle Persinger, Attorney; Misty Humphries, Secretary; and Brianna Coffing, Chronicle-Tribune.

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

There were no additions or deletions.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Reverend Green, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2025. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FINANCIALS**

Mrs. Snyder presented the April, 2025 financials. Mrs. Snyder explained that sales for all of the Utilities were above or consistent with prior years for April. On the expense side, Operations and Maintenance expense was lower or in-line for all utilities over April in prior years with very minimal fluctuation. Mrs. Snyder said overall, this resulted in a positive cash flow prior to debt service for all the utilities. There being no questions, Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Reverend Green, to approve the financials. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the Lead Service Line around 20<sup>th</sup> & Washington had been paved. The only thing left was the IFA paperwork which seems to take a while. The Meter Project had a couple thousand meters left to install. Mr. Pinkerton said that there was 9,500 active meters of 12,000 installed. Mr. Pinkerton also reported that locates were called in for the Lime Processing Area project which should start within two weeks. Mr. Carl had a question about who was responsible if the contractor caused a break when putting in the new meter. Mr. Pinkerton said it would depend upon where the leak was. If the issue was old galvanized pipe, it would be on us to repair it. The contractor would be responsible if they did something negligent. Dr. Monteiro asked if there was any turn over for us staffing wise with employees leaving to work with the meter project contractor. Mrs. Humphries answered no.

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



There were none.

### **TRANSPARENCY IN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. Shrader informed the Board that in April Governor Braun signed a new law requiring more transparency in political subdivision boards and committees. To be compliant with the new law, the format of the agenda had changed. The new law requires that all board members be listed along with their terms and the appointing party. Mrs. Shrader said this would have minimal impact, but she wanted to call everyone's attention to the new format and explain why that was done.

### **CUSTOMER REQUEST 97348 & 100832**

Mrs. Humphries explained that a customer had experienced some vandalism resulting in an outside spigot being left on. She requested that the request be assigned to committee for review. Mr. Logan assigned the request to the Water Committee.

### **SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS**

Mrs. Humphries explained that in between meetings a sponsorship from the Juneteenth Committee was received. An email was sent to the Board explaining the request and the need for a recommendation as the event was falling between the last board meeting and the next. The recommendation of the Board was to sponsor the event at \$250 which had been done in previous years. Mrs. Humphries asked for a formal vote on the donation. Dr. Monteiro moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve the \$250 sponsorship. All board members in attendance voted aye. Mrs. Humphries then presented the sponsorships requests submitted by The Community Foundation and Cancer Services. The Community Foundation working in conjunction with the Lilly Endowment to solicit sponsorships for a matching grant. If a sponsorship of \$50 was made, the sponsorship would result in \$150. Mrs. Humphries said a set amount was not recommended, but the Board had donated \$250 in the past. The remaining funds available for sponsorships was \$610.50 after the Juneteenth sponsorship. Dr. Monteiro asked if the Board made that sponsorship within the last six months. Mrs. Humphries answered yes. Dr. Monteiro asked if an explanation as to why another request was made so soon. Mrs. Humphries stated that all of the requests coming in were being received earlier than they had in prior years. Mrs. Humphries added that the next sponsorship request was from Cancer Services and was normally received in November. The sponsorship request stated that they were sending the requests in June instead of November. Mrs. Humphries said it was probably done in effort to beat out other requests. Mr. Logan stated that he had received the same two requests as well. Reverend Green asked if the sponsorship request would go to a particular fund. Mrs. Humphries said that she believed it would just go to the general matching fund and not to a particular fund. Mr. Logan said that his concern was that sponsorships were being sent in earlier which meant that by the time the rest of the year comes around, there may not be sponsorship funds left. Mr. Logan said that he did not want to leave out an organization that had been sponsored in the past and had come to count on an annual donation. Mrs. Humphries said that she understood. Traditionally, Cancer Services would reach out for a Color Me Pink Run sponsorship in September. Mrs. Humphries said that the Color Me Pink Run sponsorship had been \$500 in the past. Due to the available budgeted amount, Mrs. Humphries recommended sponsoring Cancer Services at \$250 now and foregoing the September sponsorship. Mr. Carl asked what this sponsorship covered. Mrs. Humphries answered that it would aid with transportation, prescription, durable medical equipment, and supply costs. Mr. Logan asked what

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##### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS (4-YEAR TERMS)**

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the recommendation would be for The Community Foundation's request. Mrs. Humphries said she would recommend a \$100 sponsorship as that would result in \$300. Mr. Logan said that a \$100 sponsorship would still leave some funds for requests received later in the year. Dr. Monteiro asked what The Community Foundation's request would be used for. Mrs. Humphries stated that if the funds could be used for safety, infrastructure improvements, meal delivery services, or even trails and maintenance. Mrs. Humphries said that the sponsorship could be specifically designated for a different fund like the Training Center, the Senior Center, or Collabora as well. Reverend Green suggested that the sponsorship be given without designating a certain fund. Mr. Carl said that if the Cancer Services request was granted, someone should let them know that the Board wouldn't be able to sponsor the Color Me Pink Run. Mr. Carl then moved, seconded by Reverend Green, to approve The Community Foundation request at \$100 and the Cancer Services' request at \$250. All board members in attendance voted aye. Mrs. Shrader then presented a different kind of sponsorship request. She explained that each year the Utilities sponsors a community event as an act of appreciation and to showcase the work at the Utilities. Mrs. Shrader said that for the summer, she would like to try something new that could have a greater community impact and more visibility than an Open House which had been done several times over the last few years. Mrs. Shrader said that there was a suggestion made about sponsoring a day at The Splash House. Mrs. Shrader stated that we would like to donate \$2,500 for admission fees to the Splash House and would request an additional \$500 for DJ, concessions, and give aways. This event would be for four hours during the day. The total cost would be \$3,000. Mrs. Shrader explained that admission could be a discounted rate for the first "X" number of people or it could cover full admission. She also stated that Loretta Tappan of Tappan That Sound has agreed to DJ the event. Mrs. Shrader added that a welcome tent would be set up and there would also be a taste testing area for our water alongside bottled brands. She noted that the \$3,000 cost would be less than what has historically paid for open house events. Mr. Carl, Dr. Monteiro, and Reverend Green said that they liked this idea. Mr. Logan asked if it would be during the week or on the weekend. Mrs. Shrader said it would during the work week so there wouldn't be any odd working hours. Mr. Carl asked what budget account would fund the event. Mrs. Shrader answered the Marketing & Outreach line would, and it was trending well. Mr. Carl said that he believed there was an adult swim event coming up, but this would be more geared to families. Mrs. Shrader said that it would occur during normal operational hours so it would reach a wide audience. Reverend Green moved, seconded by Dr. Monteiro, to approve The Splash House event sponsorship. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CDL POLICY**

Mrs. Shrader said she wanted to let the Board know that Mr. Persinger was working with us to create a stronger CDL reimbursement policy by reviewing the current policy and recommending some revisions. Mrs. Shrader said that a little more detail would be brought back later.

### **SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

#### **M Humphries, Executive Assistant**

Mrs. Humphries the illegal usage numbers were going down with the installation of new meters. Mr. Logan asked if there was a noticed change in water usage. Mrs. Humphries said yes, quite a few customers had been contacted after a high usage alert had been received. A lot of those customers had a running toilet that they did not know of. Mr. Logan asked if those calls were being received well. Mrs. Humphries said yes and explained that a customer today to thank us for the

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call. Here bill was \$147 for two people which was high. An alert was received, she was contacted, dye strips were sent out, and her second toilet was leaking. The customer has now repaired her toilet and her bill was going down.

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

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the Transfer Station saw 890 tons through Transfer Station in May which averaged 55 tons per day. Mr. Pinkerton said this was back to a normal level.

**R Shrader, Director**

Mrs. Shrader said that were moving along well. She rode to the landfill with Dennis Watson today. She that was an adventure on a hot day, and she has a new appreciation for road construction and detours. Mr. Watson had to take a different route up to the landfill then a different route home so she has a new appreciation for him and others working out in the elements.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Carl asked if the Board had to live stream the meetings. Mr. Persinger said the Board did not have to stream as of now since the Board meets in a separate location from the City Council.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Logan said it was good to see everyone here. It seemed like it had been quite some time since everyone was together. He was also surprised that there was a light agenda. Mr. Logan wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman  
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ATTEST



Misty Humphries, Its Secretary

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