

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2012

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Chair of the Administrative Subcommittee Whikehart called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: John Whikehart, Sam Frank, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, and ex-officio members Tim Mayer, and Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Danny McConnell, Michael Horstman, Tom Axsom, Chuck Mason, Jason Cox, Mike Hicks, Phil Peden, Jon Callahan, and Jane Fleig. Others present: Grace and Molly Frank and Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Roman moved and Board member Frank seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 30th meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Jeff Ehman, Julie Roberts, and Tom Swafford).

CLAIMS

Board member Roman moved and Board member Frank seconded the motion to approve the ACH payments as follows:

Vendor invoices that will be submitted to the controller's Office on February 24, 2012 included \$220,882.00 from the Water Utility; \$0.00 from the Wastewater Utility; and 0.00 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$220,882.00.

Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Jeff Ehman, Julie Roberts and Tom Swafford).

Board member Roman moved and Board member Frank seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on February 8, 2012 included \$77,396.42 from the Water Utility; \$178,220.57 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$8,007.51 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$263,624.50.

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT:

Utilities Deputy Director Langley reported to the USB that this is the end of the tenth year since the LMC was established. It has led to much stronger and better relationships between management and labor.

Mr. Langley said one of the most significant things that happened was the death of Ted Flynn, the Superintendant of the Blucher Poole Wastewater Treatment Plant. He had been an employee for 43 years at the time of his death. Mr. Langley was pleased to report the many people had stepped up to bridge the gap, and they had done it automatically. He feels this shows how much pride the plant employees take in their work.

Mr. Langley introduced Danny McConnell, Maintenance Superintendent at Dillman Rd. WWTP, and Jason Cox, a Blucher Poole employee. Both are members of the current LMC. He also introduced Chuck Mason, an IU SPEA intern. Chuck has been a very valuable addition, who unfortunately will be leaving in May. He wrote the LMC Annual Report, and is responsible for the regular meeting minutes for the LMC.

Utilities Deputy Director Langley said the LMC had sponsored ten training events in the past year.

There was a correction to the Annual Report. There had been a plan to bring CJAM in to do an assessment of labor/management relations. After having considered the proposal CJAM felt it wasn't appropriate to their mission. Another possibility will be sought.

Board member Whikehart commended the LMC for the work they had done, and board member Banach thanked the LMC members.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy said he had received a request for a sewer extension that would straddle areas A and B. He will be scheduling an Administrative Subcommittee meeting to discuss this issue. Board member John Whikehart suggested it be scheduled for immediately before the next regular session of the USB.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy reported that Whilhelm had started construction on the third equalization basin at the Monroe Water Treatment Plant. A public meeting to be held jointly with Public Works to get input about the Southeast sewer extension and the Sare Rd./Rogers Rd. round about projects.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

John Whikehart, Chair of Admin. Subcommittee