

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2012

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:04 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: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, John Whikehart, Pedro Roman, Jeff Ehman, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Michael Horstman, Tom Axsom, Mike Hicks, Phil Peden, Jane Fleig, Tamara Ratliff-Roberts, and Jon Callahan. Others present: Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Roman moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th meeting. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the ACH payments as follows:

Vendor invoices that will be submitted to the controller's Office on 5/21/12 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, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

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

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on May 16th included \$479,324.64 from the Water Utility; \$107,098.70 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$7,274.38 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$593,697.72.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

APPROVAL OF A WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT PERMIT REVISION FOR ALL SOURCE PACKAGING:

Deputy Director Langley said this permit was issued several years ago, and is not being renewed, just revised to allow quarterly sampling. The old permit called for semi-annual sampling. Staff feels that was not enough sampling. Quarterly will give a better representation of the situation.

This business is a part of Point Source Category 417 of the clean water act. They are a soap and detergent manufacturing point source which means they are required to monitor their effluent.

Board President Swafford asked if there had been any issues with the company. Mr. Langley said there have been. A compliance issue has been raised, although staff believes it has to do with the way the sampling was being done. There was one sample that was out of compliance, and then another one, which brought about a Technical Review Criteria requirement. No discharger wants this. Staff required All Source to clean their sampling station, and re-sample on several occasions. There have been no more problems. It is an industry that is closely monitored.

Board member Roberts asked if quarterly sampling was going to be enough, she asked if they shouldn't be under closer supervision. Mr. Langley said, given the production rate, the monthly flow rate, and the way they produce their product through this facility, yes, quarterly would be enough. They are mixing soap, detergents, and fragrances together. The compliance issue was oil in the effluent. Mr. Langley believes they were sampling that incorrectly. When the station was cleaned Utilities verified the sampling done by the company. Everything has been in compliance since then.

Board member Roman moved and board member Roberts seconded the motion to approve the Wastewater Pretreatment Permit revision for All Source Packaging.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy said there had been a very informative article on the Griffy dam project in the Herald Times on Sunday. It has generated some media interest, both locally, and from TV stations in Indianapolis. It was very accurate, and a good representation of the project. One of the things that have to happen before beginning the project is acquiring the necessary permits from the DNR for the culvert at North Dunn St., which is in a flood plain. That has to happen between 30 and 90 days. Once the permit has been attained project can begin. A permit is not needed to draw down the lake. Ms. Simpson is filing for those permits. (A comment was made from the audience that couldn't be heard.)

Ex-officio board member Mayer asked if this project would affect the North Dunn St. Bridge. There was some discussion in the article about reconfiguration of the road.

Mr. Murphy said this is the midst of construction season, so there are a lot of projects going on.

Utilities Deputy Director Langley told the USB that Shawn Miya, Utilities Pretreatment coordinator for almost five years, will be leaving Utilities. She has done an excellent job! After her tenure the program is in very strong shape. A new Pretreatment Coordinator, Tamera Ratliff-Roberts, has been hired. Her previous position was as an IDEM inspector. She is very familiar with enforcement technique and policy formulation. Mr. Langley said he looks forward to a seamless transition.

Board President Swafford welcomed Ms. Ratliff-Roberts.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ex-officio board member welcomed Mr. Langley back from a recent illness. Mr. Langley said he was very glad to be here, as opposed to where he was. He said the support from his co-workers and friends was very humbling.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President