

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2007

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room 100B at the Indiana University Research Park at 501 North Morton Street in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, John Whitehart, and ex officio members Tim Mayer and Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Tom Staley, Mike Bengtson, Mike Hicks, Michael Horstman, Mike Trexler and Adam Wason. Others present: Joe Teusch and Stephanie Schafer representing Greeley and Hansen, Mark Menefee representing Indiana University, Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates, Margaret Fette representing the Libertarian Party and Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Banach moved and Board member Whitehart seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2007 meeting. Motion carried. 4 Ayes, 3 members absent, (Henke, Ehman and Roberts).

CLAIMS

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

Claims 0790220 through 07900300 including \$354,584.10 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund, \$3,264.35 from the Water Construction fund, \$650.00 for water hydrant meter rental and \$315 from the Water Sinking fund for a total of \$358,813.45 from the Water Utility; Claims 0730129 through 0730165 including \$467,188.53 from the Wastewater Operations & Maintenance fund and \$3,358.77 from the Wastewater Construction fund for a total of \$470,547.30 from the Wastewater Utility; and claim 077017 through claim 0770018 for a total of \$28,606.21 from the Wastewater/Stormwater Utility. Total claims approved – \$857,966.96.

Board President Swafford asked about the claim for legal services from Mallor, Clendening, Grodner and Bohrer. Utilities Director Murphy explained that these services are for the PCB litigation. Deputy Director Langley said that these charges have to do with some reviews that have been done recently on groundwater protocols at Neal's Landfill and Lemon Lane. There was also some final closure work. Mr. Swafford asked if this would be the last bill for awhile. Mr. Langley said things are moving closer to a final adjustment but he couldn't say that this would be the last bill.

Board President Swafford also asked about a claim for Crowe Chizek. Utilities Director Murphy said that it was the final bill for the document they produced for their consulting work.

Motion carried. 4 ayes. 3 members absent, (Henke, Ehman and Banach).

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Teusch of Greeley and Hansen gave a power point presentation of an update on the Wet Weather Program. His presentation is attached to these minutes.

Board President Swafford asked when the report would be completed. Mr. Teusch said it would be done by August. Mr. Swafford asked that the report be submitted to the state as soon as possible rather than waiting until just before the August 7th deadline. Mr. Bengtson said that every milestone has been met and Utilities is ahead of schedule on the Agreed Order.

Board member Micuda asked about the plans for the College Mall area. He said that he was particularly interested in that area because a significant road project had recently been completed in that location. Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said that area would require a very creative solution. There is very little room to work in. It was not addressed as a part of the road project because it is outside the limits of the scope of the project. Utilities Director Murphy said that the solution to this problem might require starting downstream from the College Mall and working back towards it. If there is a constriction downstream a correction at the College Mall would just move the problem to the downstream constriction.

Board member Roman asked if the designers of the College Mall road project had been aware of the overflow problem in that area when the designs were being made. Mr. Bengtson responded that the problem was known but Utilities was not ready to correct it at that time. Now there is quite a bit of rehab work going on in that basin which should reduce the amount of water going to the College Mall area. Until the results of that work are seen it will be difficult to know what the sizing of any new pipes should be.

Board President Swafford asked about the oldest system in the central area of Bloomington. Mr. Bengtson said that he hopes that as the walking trail is developed it will be possible to put in a parallel sewer as a part of the project. Mr. Teusch pointed out that the cost savings in doing it that way would be tremendous.

Mr. Swafford thanked Mr. Teusch for his work on the Wet Weather plan to bring Utilities into compliance with the Agreed Order.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board President Swafford reported that there had been an Engineering Subcommittee meeting on February 15th. Donnie Ginn of Black & Veatch gave a report on water quality.

STAFF REPORTS:

Budget Analyst Trexler said that he has closed the 2006 books. He has a draft financial statement prepared and thinks he will be able to present the final financial statement for 2006 at the March 5th USB meeting.

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson informed the USB that the sewer lining project had started. He invited any of the Board to visit the sight and view the re-lining.

Superintendent of Operations Staley said that since January 23rd when cold weather started there have been 11 main breaks and 90 frozen meters. He mentioned that the customers have also had many problems with frozen pipes.

T & D employees have also been assisting the Street Department with plowing. When this happens the T & D employees provide the man power to drive the Street Department's trucks.

Utilities Director Murphy mentioned that some of the staff will be attending the American Water Works Association meeting in Indianapolis.

Project Coordinator Hicks reported that the bad weather had slowed work on the new Administrative Building. Now that things are warming up they are preparing to bring a large crew in to get caught up.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ben Beard of Gentry Estates said that there are many communities under Agreed Orders and that Bloomington is way ahead of the curve in terms of getting things corrected. He commended Utilities staff for their performance.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President