

# UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2010

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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, Sam Frank, Julie Roberts, Jason Banach, John Whikehart, and ex-officio member Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Michael Horstman, Mike Bengtson, Tom Staley, Mike Hicks, Jane Fleig and Jon Callahan.

## MINUTES

***Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with a correction on page 4 where the number \$965,000,000 was changed to \$965,000. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Ehman and Whikehart).***

## CLAIMS

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

***Claims 1090807 through 1090850 including \$214,169.39 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund for a total of \$214,169.39 from the Water Utility; Claims 1030446 through 1030482 including \$179,040.15 from the Wastewater Operation & Maintenance fund for a total of \$179,040.15 from the Wastewater Utility; and claims 1070027 through 1070031 for a total of \$16,699.84 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total claims approved – \$409,909.38.***

Board President Swafford asked about the claim for Hunt Paving Company. Utilities Engineer Fleig said it was for a sidewalk on Kinzer Pike just south of the bypass. It was paid for out of the Councils sidewalk funds.

***Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Ehman and Whikehart).***

## APPROVAL OF THE PER ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY EFFLUENT FILTER REHABILITATION:

Capital Projects Manager Hicks said this project has been discussed several times at USB meetings. It is the Dillman Road WWTP effluent emergency filter rehabilitation project. There are two filter basins at the plant that are out of service and inoperable due to failed under drains. The engineering consulting firm, Greeley and Hansen prepared an amendment to an existing preliminary engineering report which was needed because it was decided this project would be funded through the State Revolving Fund loan program loan that Utilities already has. The amendment will allow those funds to be redirected to this project. The PER is complete.

One of the last steps to get the state to sign off is having the USB sign off on the PER by means of the acceptance resolution. The resolution also states this project has been noticed in the local Herald Times newspaper and five days were allowed for public comment.

Ex-officio board member Micuda asked if there was a cost estimate associated with the report yet. Mr. Hicks said the construction costs are estimated to be \$470,000, and construction engineering, legal and administrative services are estimated at \$100,000. The total estimate is \$570,000. The loan balance is \$688,000.

***Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the PER Acceptance Resolution for Emergency Filter Rehabilitation. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).***

#### **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 reported that Utilities staff will be presenting the budget to the City Council this evening. Nothing has changed in the budget since the USB passed it. It is a lean budget with the hope the IURC will grant the rate increase. Things are proceeding with the written testimony for the IURC. Mr. Murphy said he is hoping to schedule a meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> with the office of the Utility Consumer Councilor to have a preliminary discussion about the proposal. David McGimpsey is handling that arrangement.

Mr. Murphy said he had a discussion with Angie Steeno of Crowe Horwath who indicated the final report on wastewater will be completed on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Murphy reported that work is beginning on one of the six remaining SSO's. It is the lift station at Rusgan Rd. in Blue Ridge which is in the north basin and drains to Blucher Poole. A new force main is being run approximately 1,400 feet north on Ramble Rd. to intersect with the sewer main there. There is a sewer main that runs east on Rusgan Rd. to a force main on the east side of Blue Ridge. This work is being done in-house. Greeley and Hansen had estimated the costs at \$400,000 whereas it can be done internally for approximately \$57,000. It will take longer since Utilities T&D personnel don't work overtime. It will take 20 days to a month of work. This project will reduce the SSO's by one. There is also a plan to do one more in-house SSO project on Gifford Rd. That will mean the sixteen original SSO's have been reduced to four which is a 75% reduction. The regulatory community is appreciative of that.

Board President Swafford said he thinks it great that Utilities can do these projects in-house. It saves a lot of money.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no petitions or communications.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m

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**L. Thomas Swafford, President**