

# UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2012

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:10 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, Jeff Ehman, Sam Frank, Jason Banach, John Whitehart, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Mike Bengtson, Jon Callahan, Tom Axsom, Jane Fleig, Phil Peden, and Michael Horstman. Others present: Sue Mayer.

## MINUTES

***Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).***

## 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 April 23<sup>rd</sup> include 200,348\$ from the Water Utility; \$0.00 from the Wastewater Utility; and 0.00 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$200,348.00.***

Board member Ehman asked about two claims for storm water fees that are new fees on the tax bills this year. He wanted to know if there are other properties of Utilities there will be a storm water fee on. Assistant Director of Finance Horstman said these claims are just the first two that were received in time to get them approved. It is the new County storm water fee. He said he has received another eight to ten of them that will come to the USB to be approved next time. They are making sure that the properties being taxed are really owned by CBU.

Mr. Ehman also asked about a claim for New World Systems Corporation. Their consultant has come to Utilities a couple of times. He wanted to know how frequently he is expected to come to consult. Mr. Horstman said they are hoping he will only be required to come one more time.

***Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).***

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

***Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on April 18 included \$353,868.27 from the Water Utility; \$105,343.83 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$12,782.15 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$471,994.25.***

***Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roman).***

**APPROVAL OF A PRETREATMENT PERMIT FOR COOK POLYMER TECHNOLOGIES:**

This agenda item was removed from the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was presented.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Administrative Subcommittee Chair Whikehart reported that the committee had met just prior to this Regular meeting to hear an appeal on a water issue. The petitioners did not appear for the hearing. The staff gave the subcommittee information about the issue and they decided to recommend to the USB that the policy should not be waived, and the petition should be denied. Board President Swafford said any action on this issue will be deferred to the next meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Utilities Director Murphy said the staff will give an update on various capital projects.

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said he would give a power point update on the Monroe Water Treatment Plant, the new water tank and the new water line. He showed pictures of the progress of the work, explaining what was going on.

Utilities Engineer Fleig gave a Power Point update on the Jordan River/Spankers Branch project on S. Walnut St. She said construction began in the middle of March. She showed a picture of the existing tunnel to demonstrate how bad its condition is. The storm boxes that are being installed for the Spankers branch are 16' wide, and 5'4" tall in the center. Sixteen of these boxes have been laid so far. The Jordan Branch storm boxes are 20' wide. The foundation is poured, then the three sided box is dropped into the tunnel on the foundation. They have four sections of the tunnel in place so far. The walls where the two tunnels come together have been poured. She showed that the wall is two feet thick.

Board President Swafford asked if the section of Jordan that is being worked on now matched the work that has already been done upstream. Ms. Fleig said that is correct. Mr. Swafford asked if there is a gap between Second St. and Washington and Fourth and Grant. Ms. Fleig said there is, it's a big section that is still left.

Ex-officio board member Mayer asked how old this section is. Ms. Fleig said she didn't think an age had ever been determined. (There was some more discussion but it wasn't at the microphone.)

Board President Swafford asked when this project will be completed. Ms. Fleig said they have until March, 2013 to complete, but they are trying to get everything done this year.

Superintendent of Operations Axsom gave a report on the progress of the S. College Ave. project. The water, sanitary sewer, and storm water pipes are all being replaced from Second St. to Third St. He showed a picture of the original 1910 manhole, made of brick, which is being replaced. There will be about 630' of 8" sanitary sewer installed, and about 1,200' of water main which will also go all the way to Third St. When CBU finishes with their work Public Works will come in to resurface the street. The sanitary laterals will be replaced to the curb line, and everyone will get a new water service.

There was some discussion away from the microphone.

Utilities Director Murphy reminded the USB that this is a joint project with Public Works, and the Redevelopment Commission, through their TIF funds, are going to reimburse for all materials.

Board President Swafford asked if Utilities is all done with the By-pass project. Utilities Engineer Fleig said Utilities is basically done, there are still some issues being uncovered. Just last Friday they found a storm structure in Third St. just west of the By-Pass that wasn't on the GIS. There are a couple of relocations still to be done. While there are no longer CBU projects, there is still involvement.

Board President Swafford thanked the staff for their updates. He said it is always good to know what is going on with projects.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no petitions or communications.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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**L. Thomas Swafford, President**