

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2012

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:03 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, Sam Frank, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, John Whikehart, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Jon Callahan, Michael Horstman, Tom Axsom, Mike Bengtson, Jane Fleig, Phil Peden, and Mike Hicks. Others present: Sue Mayer

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 2nd meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

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

Vendor invoices that will be submitted to the controller's Office on July 23 included \$220,882.00 from the Water Utility; \$19699.00 from the Wastewater Utility; and 0.00 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$2,793,095.34.

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

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

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on July 11th included \$2,367,201.84 from the Water Utility; \$148,726.69 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$277,165.81 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$1,793,095.34.

Board President Swafford asked about the claim for Environmental Service Lab, Inc. This is for testing that was done for Baxter and several other companies. Mr. Swafford wanted to know if Utilities is reimbursed when it does this kind of testing.

Utilities Deputy Director Langley said yes, that Utilities does bill the companies for the costs of the tests taken to verify their compliance. Annual testing is automatically done for some things like cyanide. These companies voluntarily sample more often, possibly because they have had a violation in the past and don't want to get caught up in the regulations.

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

Wire transfers and fees for the month of May:

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of May in the amount of \$1,452,798.48.

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

APPROVAL OF THE 2013 CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES BUDGET:

Utilities Director Murphy and Assistant Director of Finance Horstman gave a Power Point presentation of the 2013 budget. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Board President Swafford asked if it will be possible to apply for an increase in the amount of water being pulled from the lake before 2014. Utilities Director Murphy said it didn't really need to be done because the plant can average 24 mgd. That amount is not used throughout the year. There isn't a sense of urgency about that. An increase probably will not be applied for until close to 24 mgd averaged throughout the year is being used.

Board President Swafford said there was a Finance Committee meeting last week to review the 2013 budget. There were only two members in attendance so a formal recommendation could not be made, but Mr. Swafford and Board member Roman verbally recommended approval of the budget.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the 2013 budget of the City of Bloomington Utilities Department. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).

Utilities Director Murphy thanked the USB for their support.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Finance Subcommittee met on July 11th for a presentation of the 3012 budget. The meeting was reported on earlier in this regular session.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy said there had been a dip in demand over the past weekend attributed to cooler weather. He said the Utilities Website has some suggestions about conserving water. The staff is preparing for the arrival of the students.

Mr. Murphy said there had been some concerns about a conservation plan. He said Utilities is engaged in a conservation plan. The next bill customers will receive will have a letter with

conservation suggestions. There will be a meeting with wholesale customers, and some of the biggest customers to discuss conservation. So far everything has been going well. There was a power outage last Monday for about four or five hours. Fortunately the weather had broken.

Board President Swafford asked if any of the wholesale water customers were reducing their usage. Mr. Murphy said Ellettsville is one of the big ones, and they have initiated their own, voluntary, water conservation plan. When he met with the wholesale customers they hadn't yet experienced any significant issues with demand. That was before it got really hot. Ellettsville is the wholesale customer that puts the biggest demand on the system.

Board President Swafford said when Utilities draws 25 mgd of water it sounds like a big number. He wanted to know how much water comes into the lake on average. Mr. Murphy said the lake is down one foot. Utilities Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said the firm capacity of the lake during a year long drought is 75 mgd. He said he doesn't think there's anything to worry about, and the lake doesn't look like it is suffering. Mr. Murphy said there had been no surface water, but there are some natural springs that feed the lake.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President