

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2010

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:12 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, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, John Whikehart and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Michael Horstman, Mike Bengtson, Jon Callahan, Tom Staley and Vickie Renfrow. Others present: Sue Mayer

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th meeting. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Frank and Roman).

CLAIMS

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

Claims 1090446 through 1090505 including \$158,242.66 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund and \$1,152.00 from the Water Construction fund for a total of \$159,394.66 from the Water Utility; Claims 1030250 through 1030284 including \$100,889.45 from the Wastewater Operations & Maintenance fund for a total of \$100,889.45 from the Wastewater Utility; and claims 1070012 through 1070013 for a total of \$1,576.77 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total claims approved – \$261,860.88.

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

REVISED INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRETREATMENT PERMIT FOR BAXTER PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC:

Deputy Director Langley said this is an administrative change to the Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions permit which was authorized on March 17, 2008 and is effective through March 17, 2012. The change that is being requested is to adjust the pH range from 6.0 through 9.0 to 5.0 through 10.0. This is a wider margin that is consistent with the local ordinance. The average pH in Bloomington drinking water is about 9.0 which makes it necessary to add chemicals to bring it into the current range of the permit. It is better to not put the chemical into the wastewater and there is enough dilution between the plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant that no adverse effect will come from the change in the pH range, especially given that it is consistent with the local ordinance.

A lift station number that had been incorrectly listed in the permit is also being corrected.

Board member Banach asked why these permit changes come to the USB. Mr. Langley said the USB is what is called the Control Authority under the Federal Clean Water Act. All pre-treatment contracts are required to be adjudicated under the Control Authority. Anytime a change is made it

should be done in a public meeting so the public has access to the information. Mr. Banach said that made perfect sense.

Board member Ehman asked how many other pretreatment permits would need a similar change. Would it only be permits that were authorized before 2008? Mr. Langley said the reason the pH was changed is because at one time the pH in the ordinance was 6.0 – 9.0. It was subsequently changed to 5.0 – 10.0 for non-categorical industries. If an industry is designated categorical it must be monitored and parameters are set in the federal regulations. The pH is not required for this particular category. He said he doesn't think there are any other permits that will require this adjustment.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the revised Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit for Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions, LLC. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board President Swafford reported that the Finance Subcommittee had met today at 4:30 prior to the regular session to discuss the Heritage Woods request for a sewer extension. He said they had presented some new figures relating to the cost and payment of the sewer extension. The subcommittee will consult with the staff and make a recommendation to the USB in the future.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy said he will be presenting the water rate increase proposal to the City Council Committee of the Whole tomorrow. Other than that everything is going well, operations are going smoothly and there haven't been any crisis's at the plants.

Mr. Murphy said he thinks that he will be bringing forward a Preliminary Engineering Review for the improvements at Dillman Road WWTP.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m

L. Thomas Swafford, President