

# UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2011

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Utilities Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 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, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, Jeff Ehman, John Whikehart and ex-officio members Tim Mayer and Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Phil Peden, Tom Axsom, Michael Horstman, Jane Fleig, Mike Bengtson, and Jon Callahan. Others present: Sue Mayer.

## MINUTES

***Board member Frank moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Roberts and Whikehart).***

## CLAIMS

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

***Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on February 23<sup>rd</sup> included \$170,170.70 from the Water Utility; \$54,847.42 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$19,647.00 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$244,665.12.***

Board member Ehman asked about the payment for Gilbert S. Mordoh and Co., Inc. This was a payment for 10 appraisals for easements. Mr. Ehman wanted to know what the easements are for. Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said they are for the Spanker's Branch tunnel expansion.

Mr. Ehman then asked how many data loggers are hooked up to the OmniSite.net. Mr. Bengtson said he believes that at this time there are 43. They not only log data for run time on pumps and volumes, etc. but also gives alarms and has a call out system for mechanics. Mr. Ehman asked if they are associated with lift stations. Mr. Bengtson said that was correct. Mr. Ehman pointed out that lift stations are just for waste water, so he wondered what the rationale was for the charges being divided up between waste water and water. Assistant Director of Finance Horstman said the charges should all be for waste water.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION CREDIT FOR THE HIGHLANDS, PH. 5, SECT. 4, REMAINDER:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said Rule Number 18 provides for the payment of installation credits. Those payments may occur in two phases. The initial payment has already happened for 60% of the lots that were developed in the Highlands Subdivision. After the first 60% has been paid an additional request for the other 40% can be made within a five year period from when the first service was started. Mr. Bengtson pointed out on a map the location of the part of the

subdivision that credit is being asked for. All the criteria for the first 60% were met. This is just following up on the first 60%.

Board member Ehman asked if developers ever forget to apply for the credits. Mr. Bengtson said that does happen. There are two sections in this development that have gone beyond the five year period so they will not be available for credit.

***Board member Roman moved and board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the contract for water main installation credit for The Highlands, Ph. 5, Sect. 4, remainder. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Roberts).***

#### **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 asked Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson to give an update on the filter rehabilitation at Dillman Road WWTP.

Mr. Bengtson said the beginning of this project was delayed for about a week due to an ice storm. Work has started now. Materials have been delivered, and prep work on the walls and floor is being done. There are some cracks that are being sealed. All the filter media is on site and ready to go. The bids came in low enough so the other two filters will also be rehabilitated. The work is being done by a fairly new company. The workers for this company came from a larger one and have done several jobs which got glowing reviews.

Mr. Murphy reported that the storm last night did not cause any significant flooding. The T&D staff was pro-active over the weekend in cleaning storm drains. There were two lift stations that lost power so the vacor trucks were sent out to work on them. None of the plants experienced power loss.

Mr. Murphy then informed the USB that the plant manager at Blucher Poole, Ted Flynn, died after a short battle with cancer. He was at Blucher Poole for 43 years. Mr. Murphy said he and Utilities Deputy Director Langley have decided to move Bobby Johnson, the plant maintenance supervisor, to administrate the plant temporarily. Mr. Murphy said Ted was a great guy with a unique personality; he was quiet but very effective and efficient. The position will be advertised both externally and internally with the intention of filling it as quickly as possible.

Board President Swafford asked for an update on the State Road 45/46 waterline relocation. Utilities Engineer Fleig said it is moving right along. For the most part they have been successful in the relocation. A few places have been indentified where CBU's water line is in conflict that hadn't been previously identified. They are working with INDOT to include these places in the relocation work for the project. Ms. Fleig estimated they are 75% complete with the relocation. Tenth St. and Third St. have a few conflicts that need to be resolved. CBU has been on site with their crews doing some

work to the system while the project is underway. It has given an opportunity to make a few improvements.

Mr. Swafford asked if the work on Third St. included some gas line relocations. Ms. Fleig said it did, along with AT&T.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Board member Ehman asked who writes up the LMC minutes. Mr. Langley said Chuck Mason, a staff intern, does that. Mr. Ehman said it is fun and informative to read.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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**L. Thomas Swafford, President**