

## UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

May 23, 2011

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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, Julie Roberts, Sam Frank, Jason Banach, John Whikehart, Pedro Roman and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Michael Horstman, Phil Peden, Tom Axsom, Jon Callahan, Jane Fleig, Mike Bengtson and Mike Hicks. Others present: Sue Mayer and Peyton, Grace and Molly Frank.

### MINUTES

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

### CLAIMS

***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 May 18<sup>th</sup> included \$195,380.84 from the Water Utility; \$202,722.45 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$11,765.91 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$409,869.20.***

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

***Wire transfers and fees for the month of February:***

***Board member Roman moved and Board member Banach seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of February in the amount of \$38,007.22.***

***Motion carried, 6 Ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).***

### OLD BUSINESS:

Utilities Director Murphy asked Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson to answer a question from the previous meeting about water loss during a main break.

Mr. Bengtson explained that even though a higher rate was pumped for a certain number of hours, lesser amounts were pumped during the rest of the day. The incremental rates are averaged over 24 hours. The SCADA system actually does that on a 15 minute basis. He said he looked at the previous couple of days which averaged 15 mgd being pumped. On the day of the main break the average for 24 hours was 17.9 mgd. That indicated that about 2.9 million gallons were lost during the water main break.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was presented.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no subcommittee meetings.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Utilities Director Murphy said there will be a couple of contracts for approval at the next regular session. A supplement is needed for one of the contracts with Crowe Horwath concerning waste water rates. Mr. Murphy wants to bring forward a wastewater rate increase in the next 30 days and needs some supplemental information.

The contract with Community Action Program needs to be revised. As the new water rates were being discussed there was talk of enhancing some of the eligibility requirements. There have been internal discussions with Housing and Neighborhood Development, Community and Family Resources, and Utilities Director Murphy. One of the recommendations made was to increase the 150% of poverty guide line for eligibility in the program to 200%.

Mr. Murphy also reported the rehabilitation of the third filter at Dillman WWTP has begun.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no petitions or communications.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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**L. Thomas Swafford, President**