

**UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING**  
**9/11/2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Burnham called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting took place in the Utilities Service Boardroom at the City of Bloomington Utilities Service Center, 600 East Miller Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Board members present:** Amanda Burnham, Jeff Ehman, Seth Debro, Jim Sherman, Kirk White, Molly Stewart, Ex Officio Scott Robinson, Ex Officio Jim Sims (Virtual)

**Board members absent:** Megan Parmenter

**Staff present:** Vic Kelson, Matt Havey, Chris Wheeler, Kat Zaiger, Caden Swanson, Phil Peden, Nolan Hendon, Kevin White, Dan Hudson, Hector Ortiz-Sanchez, Daniel Frank

**Guests present:** Ian Scott

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**MINUTES**

***Board member Debro moved, and Board member Stewart seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 8/28 meeting. Motion carried, six ayes.***

**CLAIMS**

**Standard Invoices question:**

Board member Ehman questioned the charge for the Lake Lemon Trestle Study being billed to the Wastewater account. City of Bloomington Utilities (CBU) Director - Kelson advised that the charge should have been applied to the Water account. Ehman also questioned the charge from Presidio Holdings for Boardroom Zoom Upgrade totaling \$7,800.00. Kelson advised that the invoice was the final billing for the equipment upgrade recently completed in the boardroom.

***Debro moved, and Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Standard Invoices:***

Vendor invoices included \$354,876.71 from the Water Fund, \$133,413.93 from the Water Construction Fund, \$194,588.77 from the Wastewater Fund, and \$163,592.17 from the Stormwater Fund.

***Motion carried, six ayes. Total claims approved: \$846,471.58.***

***Debro moved, and Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Utility Bills:***

Invoices included \$5,813.71 from the Water Fund and \$20,788.84 from the Wastewater Fund.

***Motion carried, six ayes. Total claims approved: \$26,602.55.***

***Debro moved, and Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Wire Transfers, Fees, and Payroll for \$541,675.67. Motion carried, six ayes.***

**Customer Refund question:**

Ehman questioned if CBU provided water testing services to Spring Mill Inn for water testing. Kelson advised yes, Spring Mill Inn has a pool and CBU provides water testing services to it and other hotels in the Bloomington area.

**Debro moved, and Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Customer**

**Refunds:** Customer Refunds included \$360.00 from the Water Fund and \$6,584.09 from the Wastewater Fund.

**Motion carried, six ayes. Total refunds approved: \$6,944.09.**

**BID OPENING FOR SOUTHEAST SEWER BASIN LINING PROJECT**

CBU Assistant Director Engineering - Peden presented GRW Engineer - Ian Scott. Peden noted that Scott is the engineer working on this project and would help with the bid opening and any questions the Board may have about the project. The bids received were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alt #1</b>	<b>Alt #2</b>	<b>Alt #3</b>
Inliner Solutions	\$537,850.00	\$303,400.00	\$23,325.00	\$23,560.00
Miller Pipeline	\$615,902.45	\$297,850.00	\$22,582.25	\$23,181.80
Insituform	\$602,952.64	\$317,591.87	\$25,596.85	\$38,234.16
Performance Pipelining	\$480,221.00	\$301,015.00	\$16,026.00	\$14,508.00
Insight Pipe Contracting	\$523,729.25	\$278,462.00	\$25,991.30	\$38,564.00
Robinson Pipe Cleaning	\$467,424.00	\$336,500.00	\$1,867.50	\$43,400.00

Engineering Estimate: \$741,000.00

Burnham questioned the discrepancy in pricing on Robinson Pipe Cleaning Alt #2. Scott advised that it could be the result of a math error on the contractors part, but he is obligated to use the number arrived at by the math of services outlined in the bid. Board member Sherman questioned why, if the USB had decided to go to a bid opening structure where only one member was present, did this bid opening occur during the regular meeting. Burnham clarified that the process Sherman is describing is used when bid opening dates fall outside the regularly scheduled meeting, which was not the case in this instance. Stewart questioned why the numbers were so different in the alternate bids. Scott advised the reasons for having so many alternate bids was that the Base Bid included a large centralized area where lining would occur, and the alternate bids included areas near Old 37 with a small amount of piping, and lastly a section of lateral connections where houses would simply be connected to the main pipe and lined. By breaking the project down this way, it would allow more flexibility to keep the project within budget. If the contractor's bids all exceeded the budgeted amount, CBU and GRW could simply remove one of the Alt sections from the project and focus on those that would still complete a majority of the work, and stay within the budgeted amount. Stewart questioned if a

combination of bids can be accepted from multiple contractors. Peden advised that only one contractor can be selected. Ehman questioned if the Engineering Estimate included the Alternate bids. Peden and Scott advised yes. Ehman asked what the project budget was. Peden advised \$800,000.00.

**REQUEST APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GRIPP INC.**

CBU Assistant Director Operations - Ortiz-Sanchez presented the agreement with Gripp Inc. Board member White questioned what was included in the agreement. Ortiz-Sanchez advised the agreement includes replacement of influent and effluent flow meters at the Dillman Wastewater Plant which is necessary because the current meters are over 25 years old and are providing bad readings.

***Debro moved, and White seconded the motion to approve the agreement with Gripp Incorporated. Motion carried, seven ayes.***

**REQUEST APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT WITH NEXTERA ENERGY MARKETING, LLC**

Kelson advised that the agreement would provide an evaluation of the marketplace for waste products that could be used in the anaerobic digester of the proposed waste to energy facility at Dillman Wastewater Treatment Plant, along with looking at the market for credits and other aspects of financing. In addition, the agreement would provide an assessment of who CBU could potentially partner with on such a project. Kelson advised that this agreement has been delayed but CBU is still on schedule with the contractor to present notes in November to discuss whether this is a 'Go' or 'No-Go' situation to continue to pursue this type of a project. There are eight to ten million in income tax credits that CBU could get if the project begins before January 1st of 2025, so there is a short fuse on making a decision. Ehman questioned the size of NextEra. Kelson advised that they are somewhat diversified and handle a lot of different things related to this kind of project. Ehman noted that the person CBU is working with at NextEra was also involved in the initial proposal of the project. Kelson confirmed that David Baran was the lead Engineer on the previous study. Ehman questioned if NextEra would be involved in the project if CBU decided to move forward. Kelson advised that CBU could use their services, but would not be obligated to, and CBU would likely need to shop around for partners. Ehman noted that this is likely a small marketplace with a small number of subject matter experts to choose from, and his one concern is that the consultant has a potential bias for promoting the project favorably given that they may benefit from an eventual project. Kelson acknowledged CBU needs to be alert to that and noted that the numbers will heavily depend on who CBU is partnering with and for what. Ehman cited the earlier reports statement that the medium level of high strength waste was the option that CBU wanted to explore. Kelson confirmed. Ehman questioned if the analysis being provided would be targeted towards that option. Kelson confirmed. Kelson added that he had spoken with the Mayor regarding the project. They share the same opinion that, if CBU wants to pursue a project such as this, it makes sense to do so with a partner. Especially if that partner is more familiar with specific aspects of the industry.

***Debro moved, and White seconded the motion to approve the agreement with NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC. Motion carried, six ayes.***

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sherman questioned if CBU had followed-up on the situation discussed by Bill Adam, a petitioner from the previous meeting. Kelson advised that CBU had looked into the matter and would be reaching out to provide information on how to resolve the issues at the property. Burnham questioned if any information had been received regarding the appraisals. Kelson advised that no, CBU is awaiting information from the Controller's Office.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:** Ehman advised that CBU Assistant Director Environmental - Zaiger provided a presentation regarding the proposed Title 13 Stormwater Ordinance. There is a two week period for USB and public comments to be submitted for internal review followed by any necessary updates. October 9th there will be a resolution brought to the USB along with a final version for approval before the ordinance goes to City Council on November 1st, with the intention of having the ordinance in place by January 2024. Ex Officio Robinson advised that City of Bloomington Planning was working with CBU on the language included in the ordinance to ensure it doesn't have any impacts on the Title 20 Unified Development Ordinance.

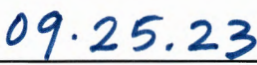
**STAFF REPORTS:**

Kelson advised that Sunday, September 17th is Lake Monroe Day and CBU will be providing tours of the Monroe Water Treatment Plant and invited the public and Board members to attend.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Burnham adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm

  
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Amanda Burnham, President

  
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