

**PERU UTILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 5, 2018**

The Peru Utilities Service Board held a meeting at the Peru office at 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Mr. Akers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to notice as required by law. The following Board members were present: S. Akers, M. Costin, G. Ward, M. Burnell, and J. Edwards. Others present Attorney Dustin Kern, J. Chance, B. Tillett, J. Beisiegel, R. Kline, B. Zartman, J. Clark, J. Languell – City Council Liaison, and B. Powers – Peru Tribune.

**1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2018:**

*Mr. Ward moved to accept the Board minutes of November 21, 2018, meeting as mailed. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Burnell abstained because he was not present at the November 21, 2018 meeting. The vote was four in favor with one abstention. Motion carried.*

**2.) APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

*A motion was made by Ms. Costin to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Ward. Motion carried unanimously.*

**3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Service Boardroom.

**4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**5.) OLD BUSINESS: None**

**6.) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) APPROVE 2019 SERVICE BOARD MEETING DATES:**

The regular meeting dates are subject to change, as approved by the Utilities Service Board. Executive and Special meetings may be scheduled as needed and as approved by the Board. All meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Peru Utilities Board Room, 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, unless otherwise stated. *Mrs. Edwards made a motion to accept the 2019 Service Board meeting dates, seconded by Ms. Costin. Motion carried unanimously.*

**B.) APPROVE BID FOR SOIL BORINGS FOR WATER MAIN RIVER CROSSINGS:**

Mr. Chance stated bids were solicited with two bids received for test borings and geotechnical analysis of the river bottom at two proposed river crossing locations in the Wabash River. American Engineers., Inc., bid \$31,170, Earth Exploration bid \$80,245. Mr. Beisiegel said he had spoken to American Engineers and representatives from Strand Associates the engineering company who is designing the river crossings about the cost difference. They explained that normally in a river to do soil borings you need a barge. In order to use a barge to perform soil borings, you

would need a crane to anchor it in place and to pull it out and move it to the other bridge to perform the boring over again. They said that the Wabash River is too small unless it is at high water. Their plan is to wait until low water and use an amphibious vehicle equipped with pontoons to perform the soil borings. Mr. Beisiegel was confident in the price, and Strand has dealt with this firm in the past and they do good work. Mr. Chance recommended that the Board accept the lowest bid from American Engineers for \$31,170.

*Ms. Costin made a motion to accept the bid from American Engineers for a fixed sum not to exceed \$31,170, with the stipulation that there will be no Change Orders that would increase the cost beyond the aforementioned amount. Mr. Burnell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:**

Mrs. Languell reported that the City Council had approved the 1st Quarter 2019 Tracker filing at their December 3 meeting.

**8.) CITY ATTORNEY’S UPDATE: None**

**9.) MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**WELL TESTING:**

Mr. Chance reported we received the utility’s water wells tests for the lead a copper on Tuesday, the wells tested significantly under the threshold. We know that there is no lead and copper in our source water. Mr. Chance stated that Randy Kline had received a few phone calls and a few customers have contacted us about concerns with the lead and copper situation. We will make every effort to assist them to find if they have lead problems within their own water system. Mr. Chance said that he was pleased with the lead mitigation efforts to this point. Attorney Dustin Kern inquired if the retests were as they come, or are we waiting for a certain time. Mr. Chance explained that we did the retest on three of the four customers. The fourth customer would not respond to any contacts that we have made. It will be several days before we receive the results from those tests. Peru Utilities must test 60 homes for lead and copper metals between January through June of next year and July through December of next year. Mr. Beisiegel said according to IDEM’s water testing rules, customers cannot have replaced their plumbing in their home in the past two years and cannot have a water softener because the test would not be representative of what we are delivering to the customer. Mr. Akers complimented the Peru Tribune for their publications in the newspaper. Mr. Chance said we are continuing with the coupon testing and working on the additive to stop corrosion that may be in the homeowner’s plumbing. Mr. Beisiegel said that our recommendation is due to IDEM by December 31. Even if IDEM accepts the recommendation, they will have to approve the engineering and plans to install the system for corrosion control. IDEM has not required us to do this, but we plan to do it because we feel they will tell us we have to at some point. We are trying to do everything possible to mitigate lead exposure even on the homeowner’s side.

**LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN:**

Mr. Chance, Mr. Beisiegel and Mr. Kline will meet with Lochmueller next Tuesday regarding the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) to discuss additional ideas. At this point, Mr. Chance said that it does not seem like a Smart System would be feasible to use for storage. He said that we have a couple of years to establish the final version of the LTCP.

**PERU UTILITIES QUARTERLY BREAKFAST:**

Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Dutch Café, presentation of Employee Service Awards.

**2019 BUDGET:**

Mr. Chance presented the Board with the 2019 Budget and asked them to review the budget packet so that it can be voted on at the December 19 meeting. If Board members have any questions, they can feel free to give him a call.

Mr. Chance outlined the budgetary plans for each division. He explained that when we put money back into our capital expenditures it allows us to recapture depreciation while maintaining the quality of our infrastructure. Mr. Chance said that this is Peru Utilities’ philosophy across all the divisions going into the future.

*There being no further business to bring before the Board, Mr. Burnell made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.*

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Geoff Ward, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board