

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
AUGUST 19, 2020**

The Peru Utilities Service Board held a meeting at the Peru office at 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, and virtually through video conferencing via Zoom, on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Chairperson M. Costin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. following an executive session pursuant to notice as required by law. The following Board members attended M. Costin, D. Van Baalen, R. Donoho, and C. McKinney. Absent J. Edwards. Others present Mayor Miles Hewitt, City Attorney Dustin Kern, J. Chance, B. Tillett, J. Beisiegel, J. Clark, B. Zartman, and B. Hall.

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2020:

Mr. Donoho moved that the minutes of August 5, 2020, be approved. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Mr. McKinney moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Donoho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Team Teaching Room and virtually through Zoom video conferencing. The link to join the meeting will be advertised in the Peru Tribune before the meeting date.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

A.) APPROVE SRF DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #14 FOR THE GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:

The Board considered the following SRF disbursement request #14 for the Grissom Water System Improvements.

Disbursement #14, Thieneman Construction, for contract construction work for the Grissom Water System Improvements for the period of 7/1/20 – 7/19/20, for the amount of \$69,343.00 + retainage for \$7,705.00 for the total amount of \$77,048.00.

Mr. Van Baalen made a motion to approve Disbursement Request #14 to Thieneman Construction for the Grissom Water System Improvements for the amount of \$69,343.00 + retainage in the amount of \$7,705.00 for the total amount of \$77,048.00 for the period of 7/1/20 – 7/19/20. Mr. Donoho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B.) APPROVE 4th QUARTER 2020 ELECTRIC RATES – TRACKER ADJUSTMENT:

Mr. Chance asked for acceptance of the 4th Quarter 2020 Electric Rates-Tracker Adjustment. For the 4th quarter 2020, the tracker increased an average in its schedule of rates for electricity sold for -0.003219 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Residential customers will experience a decrease of \$4.90 per 1,000 kilowatts. Commercial customers will experience a decrease of \$3.23 per 1,000 kilowatts. The 4th Quarter 2020 Electric Rates Tracker Adjustment filing will be on the City Council's September 14, 2020, agenda for their consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Baalen to accept the 4th Quarter 2020 Electric-Rates Tracker Adjustment and seconded by Mr. McKinney. The motion passed unanimously.

7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** None

8.) **CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:** None

9.) **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

8/17/20 ELECTRIC OUTAGE:

On Monday, August 17, an outage occurred due to a truck contacting a pole on Benton Street, which caused a strain on the risers at Substation 1 causing them to burn out. These risers are to be repaired as soon as weather permits. Substation No. 1 is one of the transformers that need to be replaced. We already have the conduit on-hand, which will help reduce the overall cost. We plan to contract a portion of this project out. We are planning to replace all of the transformers in the future to avoid widespread power outages.

SOUTH INTERCEPT SEWER LINING PROJECT:

Mr. Chance stated that Inland Pipe Rehabilitation is relining sewers between Wayne Street and Broadway as part of the South Intercept Sewer Lining Project approved last year. It is a sewer relining process used for repairing and replacing damaged sewer lines using a no-dig trenchless process. Mr. Beisiegel explained that the pipes are being relined with a felt tube made of fiberglass which fixes itself to the walls of the sewer and it is then steam or hot water cured (depending on which process) to form a rigid pipe within a pipe, which is designed to last for at least fifty years. Mr. Beisiegel showed the Board the materials used for relining sewers and noted that the new lining creates a smooth new inner wall and is a stand-alone pipe even if the old pipe breaks away it stands by itself and protects the system from failure.

SMITHFIELD FOODS TOUR:

Mr. Chance, Mr. Beisiegel, and Mrs. McGuire visited Smithfield Foods last week and had discussed with them how we could help them increase their sewage pumping frequency. They had built their lift station, but we maintain it. It was decided that we

will upsize their pumps and that they will install a bigger vault and a new meter. This helps us out because it will more accurately reflect their actual wastewater usage and both parties will have an investment in the solution.

ARIZONA ISOTOPE (AZI) UPDATE:

Our contractor has demobilized. We are at the point where we could energize one transformer but AZI's contractor's construction trailers are in our way. They refuse to move them until their work is complete, AZI is aware of it. AZI's new water meter has been installed.

RECOGNITION:

Ms. Costin recognized Mr. Beisiegel and Mr. Parkman for their public relations concerning a certain business owner. She also recognized Mrs. Clark for her accompanying memo about the financials and Mr. Zartman for his work with the pending lawsuit.

10.) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Mr. McKinney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Donoho seconded the motion. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned.

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board