

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
August 18, 2021**

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 Teams Meeting, on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Chairperson Mary Costin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to notice as required by law. The following Board members were present Mr. Dave Van Baalen, Mr. Richard Donoho, and Mr. Chris McKinney. Others present Attorney Dustin Kern, Mr. Josh Chance, Mr. Michael Biesenbach, Mr. Lee France, Mr. Jamin Beisiegel, Ms. Joyce Shafer, Mayor Miles Hewitt and Mrs. Patricia Russell-City Council Liaison. Absent: Mrs. Jami Edwards

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2021:

Mr. McKinney moved that the minutes of August 4, 2021, be approved. Mr. Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Mr. Van Baalen moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Team-Teaching Room. Teams Meeting video conferencing is available for the public.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

A.) APPROVE SRF DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #47 AND #48 FOR THE GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

The Board considered the following disbursement requests #47 and #48 grant for the Grissom Water System Improvement Project.

Disbursement #47, to NV Grant Services, professional services rendered for Labor Standards \$900.00. Disbursement #48 to Thieneman Construction contract construction for the period 07/01/2021 -07/30/2021 for the total amount of \$112,034.00.

Mr. Donohoe made a motion to approve Disbursement Request #47 to NV Grant Services for the sum of \$900.00 for professional services and to approve Disbursement #48 to Thieneman Construction, contract construction work for the period 7/1/21-7/30/21 for the Grissom Water System Improvements. Mr. Mc Kinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.) APPROVE 4TH QUARTER 2021 ELECTRIC RATES- TRACKER ADJUSTMENT:

Mr. Chance stated that the 4th Quarter Tracker had decreased. He asked for acceptance of the 4th Quarter 2021 Electric Rates-Tracker Adjustment.

Rate Class	Oct 2021 Adj. Rate per kWh	Increase or (Decrease) Per kWh
Residential Service (RS-1)	0.034935	0.002142
General Service (GSA-1)	0.031641	0.001791
Power Service (PS)	0.027387	(0.006884)
Security Lighting Service (SL-1)	0.009331	(0.000214)
Municipal Street Lighting Service (MSL-1)	0.011727	0.002073
Traffic Signal Service (TL)	0.011074	0.002464

The above factors represent an average decrease in its schedule of rates for electricity sold in the amount of \$-0.00287 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The Power class decrease is larger and with greater sales impacting the total average as a decrease for all schedules. Residential customers will experience an increase of \$2.15 per 1,000 kilowatts. Commercial customers will experience an increase of \$1.79 per 1,000 kilowatts. Power Service or demand customers will experience a decrease of \$6.88.

A motion was made by Mr. McKinney to accept the 4th Quarter 2021 Electric Rates-Tracker Adjustment. Mr. Van Baalen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:

Mayor Hewitt stated that a meeting with INDOT is scheduled for today at 6:00pm concerning the J-turn on state road 19 and 24. Mayor Hewitt announced that the Marie Stuart Edwards statue will be unveiled on Thursday, August 26th during a ceremony at the Peru Public Library that begins at 11:30am until 1:00pm.

8.) CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:

Attorney Kern stated he has been looking into the bucket truck accident on State Road 19 and 500 south. Attorney Kern contacted the at fault party’s insurance company representative Mr. Bloodsaw and is still waiting on a response.

9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021:

Mr. Chance explained Indiana is awarding grants to build out a charging network for electric vehicles across the state. The bill authorizes \$2.5 billion over five years for a new competitive grant program to build out electric vehicle charging infrastructure and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities across the country. Mr. Chance stated that Peru Utilities is in the early stages of research for eligibility and will be applying for some of the grants. Mr. Chance will keep the PUSB informed after further research.

PERU UTILITIES OFFICE MANAGER RETIREMENT:

Mr. Chance announced that Joyce Shaffer, Peru Utilities Office Manager will be retiring in June of 2022 after 22 years of service. Mr. Chance stated he would like to create a temporary assistant office manager position and will be bringing the job description to the next PUSB meeting. The Peru Utilities Service Board congratulated Ms. Shafer on her upcoming retirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board