

**PERU UTILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF  
December 15, 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, December 15, 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 Dave Van Baalen, Richard Donoho and Chris McKinney. Others present Joshua Chance, Alice Hartley, Jamin Beisiegel, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Lee France, Joyce Shafer, Mayor Miles Hewitt and Patricia Russell-City Council Liaison Absent: Jami Edwards and Attorney Dustin Kern

**1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2021:**

*Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of December 1, 2021, be approved. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.*

**2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

*Board member Chris McKinney moved to approve the claims as presented. Board member Dave Van Baalen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 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 DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #58 FOR THE GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:**

The Board considered the following disbursement request #58 for the Grissom Water System Improvement Project.

Disbursement #58 to NV Grant Services, for professional services rendered for Labor Standards for the total amount of \$2,200.00.

*Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve Disbursement #58 to NV Grant Services, for the sum of \$2,200.00 for the Grissom Water System Improvements. Board member Dave Van Baalen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**B.) APPROVE DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #59 FOR THE GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:**

The Board considered the following disbursement request #59 for the Grissom Water System Improvement Project.

Disbursement #59 to Thieneman Construction, Inc., for construction work for the period of 11/01/21 – 11/31/21 for the total amount of \$41,753.00.

*Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve Disbursement #59 to Thieneman Construction, Inc., for the sum of \$41,753.00 for the Grissom Water System Improvements. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**C.) APPROVE-REJECT BIDS FOR TREE TRIMMING:**

Board Member Chris McKinney moved to reject both bids and putting the project back out as there were both submitted past the deadline. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

**D.) APPROVE CHEMICAL BRUSH CONTROL:**

The Board considered the Chemical Brush Control bid for 2022. The recommended bid for The Daltons Inc. as \$7,485.00

*Board Member Chris McKinney made a motion to accept the Chemical Brush Control bid for 2022 awarded to The Daltons Inc. for \$7,485.00. Board Member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:**

Mayor Hewitt reported that the State Board of Accounts has completed their audit for 2019 and 2020 with 2 or 3 minor items mentioned. Patricia Russell reported that the Civic Center had their Christmas party on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and it was very well attended and an enormous success.

**8.) CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Absent

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

**INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING:**

General Manager Joshua Chance wanted to share information on where the electrical industry is headed in the future. Duke Energy has released their integrated resource plan and it is a roadmap that identifies potential plans for a utility to meet future energy and demand requirements while considering the associated risks and benefits to customers. Duke's integrated resource plan (IRP) filed with state regulators, lays out six scenarios for

reaching its challenging goals of halving its emission by 2030 and hitting net-zero carbon by 2050. All the scenarios go well beyond Duke's previous IRPs in leaning more heavily on solar, onshore wind and energy storage. They announced the retirement of Gallagher 2 and 4 in 2021, and the retirement of Noblesville CC in 2034. Duke Energy Indiana 's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan outlines an approach that: accelerates carbon reductions by retiring all coal fired power generation by 2035, triples renewable energy additions to the system compared to the prior IRP, harvests more energy efficiency and demand response opportunity, and maintains a strong focus on reliability, resiliency and affordability. Mr. Chance stated so the reality of the situation in 10 to 15 years we will not have any control on the cost power. It is all going to be dedicated by larger companies, larger investment firms and the government.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Mr. Chance reported it will be time to Review the Peru Service Board Policy and to Elect new Officers. There will be a proposal for a new GIS system and review part-time employee wage ranges.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board