

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
May 18, 2022**

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, May 18, 2022. Board 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 Richard Donoho, Jami Edwards, Dave Van Baalen and Chris McKinney. Mayor Miles Hewitt was absent. Others present Joshua Chance, Jamin Beisiegel, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Tom Gustin, Peter Sahaidachny, Acting Mayor- Patricia Russell, and Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liaisons, and Attorney Dustin Kerns.

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of May 4, 2022 be approved. Board member Dave Van Baalen 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 Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Team-Teaching Room. Teams Meeting video conferencing is available for the public.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Sahaidachny reported a problem with streets flooding at the intersection of Wayne and Madison Streets. The Superintendent of DWM Jamin Beisiegel will investigate the situation and will respond back to Mr. Sahaidachny.

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

A.) APPROVE FINAL RETAINAGE RELEASE #21 FOR THE GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:

The Board considered the following FINAL disbursement request #21 for the Grissom Water System Improvement Project.

Disbursement #21 to Thieneman Construction, Inc. escrow release total amount of \$106,320.87.

Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve FINAL Disbursement request #21 to Thieneman Construction, Inc. for the sum of \$106,320.87. Board

member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Board Member Chris McKinney made a motion to amend the agenda to include Attachment 6-B-1 Peru Municipal Water Utility –Grissom Water URT Removal and Water Rate Reduction Analysis and Attachment 6-B-2 Peru Municipal Water Utility URT Removal and Water Rate Reduction Analysis and Attachment 6-B-3 Peru Municipal Electric Utility URT Removal and Electric Rate Reduction Analysis and Attachment 6-B-4 3rd Quarter 2022 Electric Rates – Tracker Adjustment. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.-1) APPROVE PERU MUNICIPAL UTILITIES- GRISSOM WATER URT REMOVAL AND WATER RATE REDUCTION:

The Board considered Peru Municipal Utilities – Grissom Water URT Removal and Water Rate Reduction prepared by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

Board member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve the Peru Municipal Utilities-Grissom Water URT removal and water rate reduction. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.-2) APPROVE PERU MUNICIPAL UTILITIES- WATER UTILITY URT REMOVAL AND WATER RATE REDUCTION:

The Board considered Peru Municipal Utilities – Water utility URT Removal and Water Rate Reduction prepared by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the Peru Municipal Utilities-Water utility URT removal and water rate reduction. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.-3) APPROVE PERU MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY URT REMOVAL AND ELECTRIC RATE REDUCTION:

The Board considered Peru Municipal Electric Utility URT Removal and Electric Rate Reduction prepared by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the Peru Municipal Utilities-Water utility URT removal and water rate reduction. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.-4) APPROVE 3rd QUARTER 2022 ELECTRIC RATE-TRACKER ADJUSTMENT:

Mr. Chance explained that the quarterly Electric Rates Tracker Adjustment reflects the increases/decreases in Peru Utility’s cost of purchased power charged by our supplier, Indiana Municipal Power Agency. The fluctuation in the Power Cost Adjustment is caused by changes in the energy market. The chart below reflects the local area providers rates, Peru Utilities customer charge/facilities charge is \$4.22.

Current Rates - Local Area Energy Providers

Local Area Energy Providers	Residential Charge for 1000 kWh energy	Cost per kWh	Customer Charge/ Facilities Charge	Total Charge for 1000 kWh	Effective Rate per kWh	% difference From P.U.
Duke Energy	\$137.17	\$0.137172	\$10.54	\$147.71	\$0.147712	34.03%
Heartland REMC (Wabash)	\$122.80	\$0.122799	\$20.00	\$142.80	\$0.142799	29.58%
Miami Cass REMC	\$118.80	\$0.118798	\$25.75	\$144.55	\$0.144548	31.16%
Peru Utilities	\$105.98	\$0.105985	\$4.22	\$110.20	\$0.110205	

Mr. Chance stated that the 3rd Quarter Tracker residential and commercial customers will experience a decrease. He asked for acceptance of the 3rd Quarter 2022 Electric Rates-Tracker Adjustment.

Rate Class	July, 2022 Adj. Rate per kWh	Increase or (Decrease) Per kWh
Residential Service (RS-1)	\$0.033388	(\$0.008309)
General Service (GSA-1)	\$0.035698	(\$0.005371)
Power Service (PS)	\$0.036762	(\$0.000392)
Security Lighting Service (SL-1)	\$0.012699	\$0.000342
Municipal Street Lighting Service MSL-1	\$0.012785	\$0.000649
Traffic Signal Service (TL)	\$0.015940	\$0.001935

The calculation of this rate adjustment reflects the repeal of the 1.4 % Indiana Utility Receipts Tax. The above factors represent an average decrease in its schedule of rates for electricity sold in the amount of \$-0.003947 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Residential customers will experience a decrease of \$8.31 per 1,000 kilowatts. Commercial customers will experience a decrease of \$5.37 per 1,000 kilowatts.

The 3rd Quarter 2022 Electric Rates Tracker Adjustment filing will be on the City Council’s June 6th agenda for their consideration.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to accept the 3rd Quarter 2022 Electric-Rates Tracker Adjustment. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Peru City Council president Patricia Russell was named acting mayor of Peru on Wednesday. Ms. Russell stated that Mayor Miles Hewitt remains hospitalized since his heart attack on April 19 and the reason for her petition. Ms. Russell reported that Mayor Hewitt’s son was at court today and stated that every step forward, there is a step backwards. They except the mayor to recover and request that we pray for him. Ms. Russell has been sworn in and is officially signing papers at the mayor’s office.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kerns reported that Ms. Russell was sworn in the mayor’s office this afternoon and she has all the duties, responsibilities of the mayor and she can legally sign anything that needs signed in that position until Mayor Hewitt recovers and petitions the court to return to his duties. Attorney Kerns stated that Ms. Russell is the first female acting mayor in the history of Peru, IN.

9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

EMPLOYEE TRAINING: Mr. Chance reported that we are trying to catch up on additional employee training with INCODE for billing, accounting, and the financial system. There were 7 employees from the Business Office and Accounting Department attend the Tyler Connect Conference this week in Indianapolis. Next year’s conference will be in San Antonio, TX and we normally send 2 employees to out of state conferences. The last few years the conferences were virtual classes, and the employees did not feel like they got as much information from them. The DWM employees will be attending in house Wastewater Classes for license/certification and continue education with instructor Barb Smith, scheduled for Thursday and Friday for the next three weeks. Mr. Beisiegel reported that he has more employees signed up to take the test for licenses this time than ever before. There have been eight applications completed to test with the state. Mr. Chance stated scheduling classes at Peru Utilities is saving money and had increased attendance by the employees.

WOODY’S CAMPGROUND EXPANSION: Mr. Chance reported they are in phase two of the expansion and would like to get phase three done by the end of the year. Because of the transformer shortage, the line workers have been installing overhead at the campground.

LONGTERM CONTROL PLAN MEETING: Mr. Chance stated that after the June 1st board meeting, he has scheduled the first town hall style meeting concerning the long-term control plan. The LTCP meeting will be posted on the Peru Utilities website as a public meeting starting at 6:00pm in the Peru Utilities Team Teaching Room.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Chris McKinney made a motion to adjourn. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned.

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board