

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
July 20, 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, July 20, 2022. 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 Chris McKinney, Richard Donoho and Jami Edwards. Others present Joshua Chance, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Alice Hartley, Lee France, Acting Mayor- Patricia Russell, Tom Gustin-City Council Liaisons, Dustin Kerns-Attorney, Kathleen Plothow on teams Absent: Dave VanBaalen

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2022:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of June 15, 2022, be approved. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2022:

Board member Jami Edwards moved that the minutes of July 6, 2022, be approved. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

3.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF JULY 6, 2022:

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.

4.) APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF JULY 20, 2022:

Board member Jami Edwards moved to approve the claims as presented. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

5.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Team-Teaching Room. Teams Meeting video conferencing is available for the public.

6.) PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

7.) OLD BUSINESS: NONE

8.) NEW BUSINESS: NONE

9.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: Acting Mayor Patricia Russell announced that there will be a free summer concert at the Maconaquah Park Amphitheater on Friday, August 19th -

7pm-9pm featuring TONEHINGE sponsored by the Peru Public Library. Ms. Russell stated that the Circus City Festival began Monday and hopes everyone is enjoying themselves this week. Acting Mayor Russell will be out of town on August 3rd so she will not be at the next board meeting.

10.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kerns mentioned that Peru Utilities board member Chris McKinney plays the guitar in the band TONEHINGE which is performing in the park on August 19th.

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: The electric department is working on primary extension at the Wabash River Equities housing project by the new YMCA. Mr. Biesenbach reported that the mansion project on Wallick road is remodeling buildings on the property and will be constructing duplex apartments for a retreat/rehab facility. Peru Utilities has set a second transformer and is collaborating with the electricians on the project and is scheduled to be completed in fall.

Mr. Chance reported that the lineman is working on the switching station conversion to the substation located next to the pole yard. They are taking out the metal and old insulators and getting rid of the old equipment, so it can be sand blasted and painted.

Mr. Chance stated that we have two employees away attending TVPPA-apprentice lineman training courses. Apprentice linemen will learn the basic tools and equipment used in ever day operations and applications.

PERU WATER DEPARTMENT: Mr. Chance stated that Wessler is installing and testing communication equipment to allow the south Parkview water tower to be drained and repaired in mid-August. Peru water department started adding orthophosphate to the water in late May and the sampling showed a steady residual one part per million. Mr. Beisiegel stated that orthophosphate puts a coating in the lining of the lead pipes and reduces the chance of lead dissolving in the water. All large cities in Indiana are required to do this since the 90's. Mr. Chance reported that Peru Utilities will be testing for lead and copper at the end of July.

Mr. Chance reported as part of our annual water maintenance program, Peru Utility employees started flushing fire hydrants in and around the City of Peru. Grissom Aero plex and Grissom Housing started in June and will be completed in July. IDEM conducted sanitary survey of Grissom and Peru water. We must correct minor deficiencies for example: screens on overflows for the towers and water loss was at 35% last year. IDEM requires the water loss to be under 25%. Mr. Beisiegel stated that it has been a long-standing issue in Peru Water and Peru Utilities employees will continue to search to resolve the problem. The employees have been completing the restoration and excavating on meter pits, roadways, from the first half of the year and they will continue through the rest of the year.

PERU WASTEWATER: Lockmueller submitted the PER for the storage project to IDEM. Hazen and Sawyer are the environmental engineers that is performing the PER and the engineering for plant. We should have that for initial review in early August. Hazen and Sawyer are the company that is working on the Mississnawa project. Peru Utilities employees have spent a lot of time reviewing old prints and preparing them to send to the engineers. Mr. Beisiegel reported that the authorities of the Mississnawa project signed the agreement today and is waiting to hear back from IDEM. Peru Utilities will supply the water and wastewater system for the Mississnawa campground and other facilities at the reservoir. Mr. Chance stated that this is a large project for Peru Utilities and will be funded by the state grants.

Phosphorus removal system installation: Mr. Beisiegel reported that the tanks and pipes are in place and the pumps arrived this week. The preliminary installation of the computer system will be in the first week of August and we are waiting on computer chips. The system must be up and running by December.

Storm Water Department: Mr. Chance stated that they will begin their annual maintenance on permeable asphalt in August and they will be removing debris from the storm drains in Oakdale.

Grissom Water Plant Tour: Mr. Chance stated he is scheduling a tour on July 25th at 6:00pm for Peru Utilities Board members and Peru City Council to tour the newly renovated Grissom Water Plant. Mr. Chance will notify members with an alternate date for those who cannot attend on July 25th.

Circus City Festival: Peru Utilities employees and volunteers are participating in the Circus Parade this Saturday, and a float was added to the lineup this year. The Electric and DWM departments will be tearing down the setup for the festival next week.

Meeting with Smithfield: Mr. Chance stated Peru Utilities has a meeting schedule with Smithfield Foods on July 29th on the potential expansion of production lines. Peru Utilities will be working on a plan for the electrical needs and evaluating the current lift station capabilities.

Miami County Local Emergency Planning Committee: Mr. Chance and Safety Manager, Lee France will be attending a LEPC meeting Thursday afternoon. Mr. Chance will be a guest speaker; he will be presenting information on MISO declarations. MISO warns of possible planned power outages. During these time, portions of MISO’S system may experience heightened risk for necessary “load shedding” also referred to as rolling blackouts.

Fiber Update: the final piece of our fiber update is occurring on July 27th. All the fiber that comes into the building at Peru Utilities, affects the county buildings, 911, our phone system, internet, alarm system for water and wastewater system and our billing system will be down. The business office will be closed that day and the employees will be working on special projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board

