

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
August 17, 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, August 17, 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, Dave VanBaalen, and Jami Edwards. Others present Joshua Chance, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Alice Hartley, Lee France, Matthew Svantner, Mark Ramsey, and Dustin Kerns-Attorney, Acting Mayor Patricia Russell Absent: Kathleen Plothow, Tom Gustin-City Council Liaisons and Jami Edwards

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2022:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of August 3, 2022 be approved. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Board member Chris 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 7, 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 VERSALIFT BUCKET TRUCK-TK 254 REPLACEMENT PRICE AMENDMENT:

The Board considered the additional \$11,294.00 cost for Versalift Bucket Truck.

Peru Utilities requested alterations totaling, \$4,535.00 and UTE was given a parts surcharge of \$6,769.00 by Versalift. The total cost of the unit was \$181,279 of the \$250,00.00 budget for the truck.

Board Member Dave VanBaalen made a motion to approve additional request to Versalift \$11,294.00. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.) APPROVE 4TH QUARTER 2022 ELECTRIC RATES-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	\$141.19	\$0.141191	\$10.54	\$151.73	\$0.151731	37.68%
Heartland REMC (Wabash)	\$125.99	\$0.125991	\$20.00	\$145.99	\$0.145991	32.47%
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	
Duke "Temporary" Increase	\$22.59					
Duke Energy	\$163.78	\$0.16378	\$10.54	\$174.32	\$0.17432	58.18%

Mr. Chance stated that the 4th Quarter Tracker residential customers will experience an increase and commercial customers will experience a decrease. He asked for acceptance of the 4th Quarter 2022 Electric Rates-Tracker Adjustment.

Rate Class	October 2022 Adj. Rate per kWh	Increase or (Decrease) Per kWh
Residential Service (RS-1)	\$0.034343	\$0.000955
General Service (GSA-1)	\$0.031963	(\$0.003735)
Power Service (PS)	\$0.030266	(\$0.006496)
Security Lighting Service (SL-1)	\$0.012212	(\$0.000487)
Municipal Street Lighting Service MSL-1	\$0.012306	(\$0.000479)
Traffic Signal Service (TL)	\$0.015672	(\$0.000268)

The above factors represent an average decrease in its schedule of rates for electricity sold in the amount of \$-0.003263 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) applicable October, November, and December 2022. Residential customers will experience a slight increase of \$0.000955 per 1,000 kilowatts. Commercial customers will experience a decrease of \$3.74 per 1,000 Kilowatts. These changes in the schedule of rates are based solely upon changes in the cost of purchased power and energy purchased by this utility.

The 4th Quarter 2022 Electric Rates Tracker Adjustment filing will be on the City Council’s September 12, 2022, agenda for their consideration.

Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter 2022 Electric Rate Tracker adjustment. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Acting Mayor Patricia Russell reported that there will be a free City of Peru Concert in the park on Friday, August 19th -7pm-9pm. A local band TONEHINGE will be playing, the food vendor is Brad’s BBQ and there will be a cornhole tournament, information can be found on FB: Circus City Cornhole. Mr. Ramsey stated that the Peru Municipal Golf course has high water bills and that nothing has been done about it. Mr. Chance stated that Peru Utilities has discussed the leaks for years with the city parks department. Board member Dave VanBaalen stated that he and park department employees discussed the issue with Kevin Clark from Peru Utilities, and he explained in detail that they have leaks in their system, and it is outside the meter. Mr. VanBaalen stated it is not a Peru Utility issue it is a park department issue, and they will take it to the next city council meeting.

8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kerns stated that he is researching TREC’s a local government debt collector set off against state personal income tax refunds.

9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

PARKVIEW HEIGHTS WATER TOWER: Mr. Chance stated that the Parkview Heights tower is on bypass. Mr. Beisiegel reported that the tower is repaired, and there is a process to fill it and the water tower will be back in service early next week.

LEAD AND COPPER TESTING: The Division of Water Management is currently testing water for lead and copper. Mr. Chance stated they are having an issue of getting customers to participate in the water testing and he approved to purchase gifts cards. Mr. Beisiegel will distribute \$15.00 Kroger gift cards to customers participating in the water testing process.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING:

Mr. Chance stated that Matt Svantner attended an advanced Cyber Security conference (Black Hat) in Las Vegas last week. Matt reported that on Monday and Tuesday last week at the conference he participated in red team- blue team hacking course. He had two days of briefings, learning about the newest hacking attempts from Ukraine. Mr. Svantner reported that Russia KGB has been attacking Ukraine’s electric grid and Peru Utilities SCADA screen is like their SCADA screens. We will be updating the SCADA system this year.

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LINE DEPARTMENT WORK ON REJECT POLES: The lineman has been working on reject poles this week and yesterday they finished the permanent feed to Spectronics located behind the large water tower on the base.

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

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