

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
October 5, 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, October 5, 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 Dave VanBaalen. Others present Joshua Chance, Alice Hartley, Michael Biesenbach, Jamin Beisiegel, Wayne Brindle, Lee France, Dustin Kern-Attorney, Acting Mayor Patricia Russell and Tom Gustin, City Council Liason Absent: Board member Jami Edwards and Kathleen Plothow

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of September 21, 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 Dave VanBaalen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, October 19, 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 LAWN CARE BID FOR 2023, 2024 & 2025:

The Board considered the following bid for Lawn Care from Black's Lawn and Maintenance for total amount of \$41,625.00 for each year in service for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Board Member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the bid to Black's Lawn and Maintenance for Lawn care and trimming services for the sum of \$41,625.00 for each year in service for 2023, 2024 and 2025. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

B.) APPROVE ENGINEERING FOR RESERVOIR TOWER PAINTING:

The Board considered the following request for the engineering of the Reservoir Coating Project to Dixon Engineering.

Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the engineering of the Reservoir Coating Project for the sum of \$45,000.00 to Dixon Engineering Services. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

C.) APPROVE LOCKMEULLER PROPOSAL FOR SURVEYING:

The Board considered the following request for beginning the surveying process for both the large storage project and the south side separation. The CSO 011 Separation for \$70,700.00 and CSO Storage Project Surveying for \$220,700.00. The CSO 011 Separation for \$70,700.00 will be paid for with the pledged ARP funds from the city, as \$225,000.00 was approved for this project by the City Council.

Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the surveying of the CSO 011 Sewer Separation for the sum of \$70,700.00 and CSO Storage Project Surveying for \$220,700.00. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Acting Mayor Patricia Russell reported that the Peru City Council met last Monday, and they passed 2023 budget. The Acting Mayor Patricia Russell stated any ARP money needs to be spent by Dec. 31, 2022, or it will have to be reappropriated.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern clarified the ARP funds request from Peru Utilities to the City Council for \$225,000.00 for engineering by Lochmeuller and \$300,000.00 for the repair of the line from Broadway to the Wastewater plant. Mr. Kern reported that he has contacted the representative for the Indiana counties TRECS program and has not received any response.
- 9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

DETRASH THE WABASH: Mr. Chance reported last Saturday, September 24th, 2022, 36 volunteers met at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Riverside Drive, and they picked up approximately 800 pounds of trash along the banks of the Wabash River. The volunteers were treated to pizza and prizes after the event.

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY: Mr. Chance reported he has received the preliminary planning stage of the analysis of the electric rates from Baker Tilley. Mr. Chance stated he will need to conduct an executive session to discuss the ROI side of the electric rate study and he will be presenting two options to the executive board.

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DNR PROJECT: Hazen & Sawyer will meet with Peru Utilities tomorrow and Friday to access the plans concerning the DNR project to supply water and wastewater services to the Mississinewa area.

GENERAL MANAGER’S VACATION: Mr. Chance stated he will be out of town from October 10 through October 23, 2022. Please contact the department Superintendents for specific questions, he has emailed their direct numbers to the board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board

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