

**PERU UTILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF  
October 19, 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 19, 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 Van Baalen and Jami Edwards. Others present Jamin Beisiegel, Alice Hartley, Wayne Brindle, Michael Walsh, Dave Woessner, Dustin Kern-Attorney, Acting Mayor Patricia Russell, Tom Gustin, City Council Liason and Kathleen Plothow City Council Liason on teams  
Absent: Joshua Chance, General Manager

**1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2022:**

*Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of October 5, 2022 be approved. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.*

**2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

*Board member Jami Edwards made a motion 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, November 2, 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 CHEMICAL BRUSH CONTROL BID FOR 2023:**

The Board considered the following bid from The Daltons Inc. for the Chemical Brush Control in the amount of \$9,730.00.

*Board Member Dave Van Baalen made a motion to approve the bid to The Daltons Inc. for the Chemical Brush Control for the sum of \$9,730.00. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**B.) APPROVE TREE TRIMMING BID FOR 2023:**

The Board considered the following request for the Tree Trimming bid for 2023 it will include trimming along Circuits 1213 (23.21 miles), 1221 (10.13 miles), and 1234 (8.86 miles) with mowing along the Smithfield 69kV line and South Peru reservoir. The recommended bid for Williams Tree Company for the sum of \$215,040.00.

*Board Member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve the bid from Williams Tree Company for the sum of \$215,040.00. Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**C.) APPROVE POLE TESTING BID FOR 2023:**

The Board considered the following bid request from Best Electric, LLC with a bid of \$18,500.00. The circuits to be tested are 1234 and 1235.

*Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the bid from Best Electric, LLC for the sum of \$18,500.00 for the Pole Testing in 2023. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

**D.) APPROVE CANAL ST. SUBSTATION STRUCTURE PAINTING BID:**

The Board considered the following bid request from Gaylor Electric with a bid of \$55,900.00 for painting and beam relocation. As part of the Canal Street Substation project, they will be reusing the original lattice-steel structures that were originally part of the 34.5 kV transmission substation.

*Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the bid from Gaylor Electric for the painting and beam relocation for the sum of \$55,900.00. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.*

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Acting Mayor Patricia Russell reported that Mayor Hewitt will be coming into the office to discuss his transitioning back to work, but she is not sure of the date for his return. Carrie Ozella Fuller was honored on Sunday by Acting Mayor Patricia Russell, the congregation, and visitors at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. Mt. Hermon was founded by Fuller and her family in 1946. Acting Mayor Russell proclaimed Oct. 16 to be Carrie O. Fuller Day in the city. Acting Mayor Russell reported that HWC is drafting a new primary plan for the City of Peru Parks & Recreation. There will be a survey available for the public to fill out. Kathleen Plothow, City Council Liaison wanted to thank Michael Biesenbach Peru Utilities- Line Superintendent for meeting with her at the West City Park and he was extremely helpful answering questions she had. Ms. Plothow wanted to thank Jamin Beisiegel Peru Utilities DWM Superintendent for answering questions and always being so helpful. Ms. Plothow stated that Peru Utilities is a big bright spot in our community.

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

Mr. Beisiegel DWM Superintendent stated that Mr. Chance is on vacation. Mr. Chance is on vacation through October 23, 2022. Please contact the department Superintendents for specific questions, he has emailed their direct numbers to the board members. Mr. Beisiegel reported that the weather has been good, and Peru Utilities employees have been 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.*

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Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board



