

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
February 1, 2023**

The Peru Utilities Service Board held a meeting at the Peru office at 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, and through video conferencing via Teams Meeting, on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. 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. Others present Joshua Chance, Alice Hartley, Jamin Beisiegel, Cory Mendenhall, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Lee France, Dave Woessner, Katherine Neff, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason, Dustin Kern-Attorney and Mayor Miles Hewitt. Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liason attended virtually. Absent: Board member Jami Edwards

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of January 18, 2023 be approved. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Board member Dave Van Baalen made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 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 SCADA SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

The Board considered the following SCADA system replacement project in the amount of \$96,362.00 to Survalent software and an estimated cost of new computer hardware for \$30,000.00.

Mr. Woessner reported a SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) is a computer control system that is monitoring our substations, it brings the telemetry back and allows us to control breakers and other equipment in the substation. The Servalent submission met all the specification requirements outlined in our Request for Proposals for the software, installation, and training portions of the replacement. By replacing the system now, we can take advantage of advancements in SCADA technology that will allow us to expand the reach of the system beyond the substation to include equipment in the field including line reclosers and capacitor banks.

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the SCADA System Replacement Project, for the sum of \$96,362.00 to Servalent software and new computer hardware for \$30,000.00 a total sum of approximately \$127,000.00. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Mayor Hewitt reported that the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council (READI) awarded the Riverfront Project 2.75 million dollars to widen Forest Street, which is the main road going back to the YMCA and improving the intersection of Forest and Second Street. And the engineers are planning to add traffic lights and to straighten out Second Street where it meets Maple Street. Mayor Hewitt stated he was just notified from INDOT that the Broadway bridge will be reconstructed tentatively starting in December of 2024. Mayor Hewitt reported that INDOT will be working on state road 19 by the prairie ditch and he has not been notified of the timeline yet.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern stated that there are no pending litigations with Peru Utilities at this time.
- 9.) **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

EVENING MEETING-WATER QUALITY NEAR SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC PLANT:

Mr. Chance stated he held a water quality meeting for residents living near the Schneider Electric plant on January 18th after the last board meeting. We had one participate from the public and she was from the Miami County Health Department. Mr. Chance thanked the Mayor and Ms. Costin for staying and attending the meeting. Mr. Chance stated he was disappointed in the lack of attendance by the public.

BAKER TILLY ELECTRIC RATE STUDY:

Mr. Chance reported Baker Tilly will present the Electric Rate Study at the next board meeting. We will distribute the study to the board members before the next board meeting so they can have time to review it before the February 15th meeting. Mr. Chance stated he will present the final Electric Rate Study to the Peru City Council in April.

PERU WATER AND GRISSOM WATER ANNUAL TRACKER ADJUSTMENT:

Mr. Chance stated that he will have the CPI-U calculations for Peru Water and Grissom Water Annual tracker adjustment at the next board meeting for their approval. The formula resulted in an incremental increase in Peru Water's rates of 4.8%. The average customer who uses 3,000 gallons of water will see an increase of \$1.27 in their monthly bill. The formula resulted in an incremental increase in Grissom Water's rates of 4.8%. The average customer who uses 3,000 gallons of water will see an increase of \$1.54 in their monthly bill.

THE RP3 RELIABLE PUBLIC AWARD:

Mr. Chance reported the American Public Power Associations (APPA) Reliable Public Power Provider program recognizes utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Peru Utilities Electric Department has been awarded the RP3 Platinum Level award for 2023-2025.

They will receive the award in April at the Engineering and Operations Conference in Pasadena, CA. Mr. Chance stated that this is quite accomplishment for the electric department, and he is proud of the employees.

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

