

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
April 5, 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, April 5, 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 Richard Donoho, Jami Edwards, and Dave Van Baalen. Others present Joshua Chance, Alice Hartley, Jamin Beisiegel, Michael Biesenbach, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason, Mayor Miles Hewitt. Absent: Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liason Public: Gabriel Greer

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2023:

Board member Chris McKinney moved that the minutes of March 15, 2023 be approved. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

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

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, April 19, 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: Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Substation #1 Transformer Replacement Bid attachment 6-G. Board Member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

**A.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 MISSISSINEWA LAKE DRINKING WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:**

The Board considered Resolution #1 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the Mississinewa Lake Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve Resolution #1 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the Mississinewa Lake Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements to proceed with the construction of such works. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

B.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #2 MISSISSINEWA LAKE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

The Board considered Resolution #2 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the Mississinewa Lake Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements.

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion approve Resolution #2 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board to proceed with the construction of such works. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

C.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #3 PERU UTILITIES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN:

The board considered Resolution #3 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the Peru Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant-Long Term Control Plan.

Board member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution #3 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the Peru Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant to proceed with the construction of such works. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

D.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #4 CSO 011 SEPARATION PROJECT-LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN:

The board considered Resolution #4 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the CSO 011 Separation Project-Long Term Control Plan.

Board member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution #4 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the CSO 011 Separation Project – Long Term Control Plan to proceed with the construction of such works. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

E.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #5 CSO STORAGE PROJECT-LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN:

The board considered Resolution #5 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the CSO Storage Project-Long Term Control Plan.

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve Resolution #5 designating an authorized representative of the City of Peru Utilities Service Board for the CSO Storage Project – Long Term Control Plan to proceed with the construction of such works. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

F.) APPROVE RESOLUTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE RATES AND CHARGES CONTAINED IN THE COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY:

The board considered Resolution #7 to accept the rates and charges contained in the cost of service study.

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve Resolution #7 to accept the rates and charges contained in the cost-of-service study dated February 15th, 2023, and recommending the adoption of said rates and charges by the Peru Common Council. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

G.) APPROVE BID FOR SUBSTATION #1 TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT:

The board considered the recommended bid for the Niagara transformer for \$1,114,828.00.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the recommended bid for the Niagara transformer based on price for \$1,114,828.00, lead time, past dealings, and adherence to specifications for the replacement of the 28MVA transformer at Substation #1. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Mayor Hewitt stated he wanted to thank the Peru Utilities workers for their fast work in restoring the electric power back to the residences of Peru during Friday’s storms. Mayor Hewitt reported he attended an IMPA meeting last Friday and Saturday and wanted to congratulate Josh for receiving the American Public Power Association’s Honor Roll Award. Mayor Hewitt stated that Josh does a lot for the utilities and the employees behind the scenes that the board does not know about, and he just keeps on going. The APPA Honor Roll Award recognizes excellence in electric utility operations and leadership. Mr. Gustin stated Josh did an excellent job presenting the electric rate study to the city council at last Monday’s meeting.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern stated he hopes everyone has a Happy Easter! Mr. Chance stated that Mr. Kern is going to be extremely busy over the next 6 to 8 months with SRF financing, bond issuances and Baker Tilley consulting.

9.) MANAGER’S REPORT:

ELECTRIC OUTAGE DUE TO STORMS: Mr. Chance reported that Friday night’s storm created electric outages throughout Miami county approximately 1,600 meters were affected. The lineman worked all night and most of the residences had been restored by 8:00am. Mr. Biesenbach reported that they had some complications when opening airbrakes, a large lever to open the lines. The lineman had three sets of airbrakes fail on one job site. They did not know what caused the outage but there was a line on the ground. The lineman had to make the repairs with the entire circuit being out opposed to half of it being

out and it was an extremely dangerous situation. The airbrakes are going to be repaired or replaced and automated in the future. The line department borrowed a bucket truck from the city of Frankfort because two Peru Utilities truck are out for repairs. Mr. Chance reported the Peru Wastewater Plant was at 26 million gallons of water from the storm around 1:30 am Saturday morning. Mr. Beisiegel stated the plant managed it and there were no wastewater overflow violations.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Chance reported Peru Utilities will hold a public hearing at 3:30pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Peru Utilities Main Office, for the Mississinewa Lake Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Mississinewa Lake Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Mr. Chance stated Peru Utilities will hold a public hearing at 4:30pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Peru Utilities Main Office for the CSO 011 Separation Project Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and CSO Storage Project Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Peru Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

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

