

**PERU UTILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF  
June 7, 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, June 7, 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, Chris McKinney, and Dave Van Baalen. Others present Joshua Chance, Alice Hartley, Jamin Beisiegel, Michael Biesenbach, Wayne Brindle, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason, Mayor Miles Hewitt, Dustin Kern-Attorney and Don Sturch-Public. Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liason attended virtually.

**1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2023:**

*Board member Chris McKinney moved that the minutes of May 17, 2023 be approved. Board member Richard Donoho 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, June 21, 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 REPLACEMENT OF TRUCK #351:**

The Board considered a recommendation to replace Truck #351, a 2013 Ford F150 regular cab, 2-wheel drive pick-up with 96,000 miles.

*Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the recommendation to purchase a 2023 Silverado 1500 Crew Cab LT from Paul Richard Chevrolet for \$48,000.00 with a trade in value of \$6,500.00 for the old vehicle. The final purchase price of \$41,500.00 Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.*

**B.) APPROVE RESERVOIR TOWER CHANGE ORDER:**

The Board considered a recommendation for a change order to upgrade paint for Reservoir Tower Repainting.

*Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the recommendation for a change order to increase the Tower Painting Contract by \$26,480.00. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.*

**7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Mayor Hewitt reported that on May 29<sup>th</sup> they had a Memorial Day celebration at the courthouse that was well attended. The drain at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Broadway has been repaired by the state and they also repaired a curb at 58 West Main St. Mayor Hewitt announced the new Pickleball court is open at the River Walkway Park on Canal Street. Mayor Hewitt stated that there is a free concert at Maconaquah Park on June 11<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Summer Arts & Crafts Fair from 6-9pm and vendors will be open from 2-8pm. Mayor Hewitt announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for Juneteenth.

**8.) CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern noted that the Peru City Council approved (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act funding for the engineering on the Southside Separation Project to Peru Utilities in the amount of \$124,000.00. ARPA funding is used for large improvement projects and to replace aging infrastructure.

**9.) MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**CITY COUNCIL PASSED THE TRACKER:** Mr. Chance reported that the Peru City Council passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Electric Rates Tracker Adjustment, the residential and commercial customer will experience a decrease.

**PERU UTILITIES CLOSED JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>:** Mr. Chance announced that Peru Utilities will close on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of the federal holiday Juneteenth.

**NATIONAL APPA CONFERENCE:** Mr. Chance will be attending the National APPA Conference in Seattle Washington from June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The topics they will be presenting include Bill and Rate Challenges, Grid Modernization, Cyber Security, Legislative Impacts, Growth & Financial Success, EV Strategy Development, Environmental Regulations & Impact, Public Power Outlook as related to rates and Funding with Grants- DOE/ARPA/IIJA. Special meetings, roundtables, and workshops will bring together small groups to learn from each other and from the experts.

**WATER TOWER CLEANING:** Mr. Chance shared pictures inside of the water tower/tank located on top of incinerator hill in South Peru. The tower is going to be cleaned and painted in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Beisiegel stated that the Grissom Water Tower will be cleaned/power washed this week at a cost of \$9,000.00.

**WABASH COMMONS APARTMENTS:** Mr. Chance stated that the line department has installed the last primary run to the apartment complex. There are 100 meters ready to be energized and 70 meters already energized.

**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





