

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
June 21, 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 21, 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 Jamin Beisiegel, Alice Hartley, Michael Biesenbach, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason, Mayor Miles Hewitt and Dustin Kern-Attorney Absent: Joshua Chance-General Manager, Chris McKinney-Board Member and Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liason.

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2023:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of June 7, 2023 be approved. Board member Dave Van Baalen 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 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, July 5, 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 DIGGER DERRICK PURCHASE:

The Board considered a recommendation bid from Altec's Digger Derrick Truck rental line. This truck would replace either the aging Altec or the 2018 Versalift, depending on the results of the repairs it is currently undergoing.

Board Member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the recommendation to purchase a Digger Derrick Truck with a base cost of \$235,769.00. Board Member Dave Van Baalen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Mayor Hewitt stated the Miami County 4-H fair continues this week with several activities at the county fairgrounds. Mayor Hewitt reported that Station 2 will have an Open House and Car Show this coming Sunday starting at 10:00am in the morning.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern asked Mr. Biesenbach if the Digger Derrick is a liability. Mr. Biesenbach stated that the 2018 Digger Derrick Truck is a huge liability. The truck has been in the shop at UTE more than it has been in use. He has witnessed the boom swing on its own when the operator has his hands off the controls. The boom continued to move, they attempted to use the emergency shut off to stop it from moving. The lineman had to climb in the truck and turn off the ignition to get it to stop moving. The most recent issue was when it winched off by itself while they were pulling an old pole and it laid the pole down on to energized lines. Mr. Van Baalen stated we have two separate issues to purchase a new Digger Derrick Truck and based on the documented incidents that Mr. Biesenbach has described we probably have a lawsuit against UTE for the 2018 Digger Derrick Truck malfunction incidents. Mr. Van Baalen stated he would like to see what options we have going forward to address this issue. Mr. Kern asked Mr. Biesenbach to give him a list of dates that the Digger Derrick Truck has had incidents of malfunctioning. Mr. Kern stated he is expecting to get busy in the next couple of months with the LTC plan financing and Mississinewa Project- July 1st funding kickoff.
- 9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Beisiegel stated it has been a business two weeks and he is looking forward to Mr. Chance coming back to work next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board

