

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
July 19, 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, July 19, 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 Chris McKinney Others present Joshua Chance, Jamin Beisiegel, Wayne Brindle, Michael Biesenbach, Tom Gustin-City Council Liaison, Mayor Miles Hewitt and Dustin Kern-Attorney On teams: Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liaison Absent: Dave VanBaalen-Board Member

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2023:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of July 5, 2023 be approved. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed by the attending board members.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Board member Chris McKinney 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, August 2, 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 PURCHASE OF A MINI EXCAVATOR:

The Board considered a recommendation to purchase a mini excavator with unused SRF funding from the Grissom Water project. The recommended bid was from Bobcat of Lafayette for \$108,822.98.

Board Member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the recommendation to purchase a mini excavator from Bobcat of Lafayette, with a cost of \$108,822.98. Board Member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: Mayor Hewitt stated the City of Peru and MCEDA recently gave a large gift to the Circus City Festival Inc. in the form of a fiberglass elephant located just north of the circus museum on North Broadway. Mayor Hewitt wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday, July 22nd is the Peru Circus City Festival Parade, and

many of the streets will be closed off from Broadway, East Main St. and down to Benton Street for the parade route, starting at 9:00am thru 12:00 pm. Mayor Hewitt announced that the Huey Helicopters will be flying over the parade route and landing close to downtown Peru. They will be offloading veterans on Main Street and Broadway. Mayor Hewitt will be riding in the Huey Helicopter with the veterans and will off be loaded at the same time to continue in the parade. Mayor Hewitt stated he is very honored to be part of the festivities. Mr. Gustin-City Council Liaison stated the circus kids are in rare form this year and everyone should come out to see them at the Peru Amateur Circus this week. Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liaison stated that she will be meeting this week with the Garry Clark-Golf Superintendent and Jason Simpson-Golf Clubhouse Manager from the Peru Municipal Golf Course department. They will be discussing the issue of water leaks throughout the golf course and funding to get a new water irrigation system.

- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern stated they have a conference call scheduled for tomorrow with Baker Tilly, Lockmueller Group, and Ice Miller Attorney-Lisa Lee to discuss the SRF priority list items for the Mississnewa project and the Long-term Control Plan.

9.) **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

CYPER SECURITY TESTING:

Mr. Chance reported that Mr. Svantner hired a third-party company to provide a comprehensive assessment of the cyber security for our organization. The purpose of penetration testing is to find security flaws in a system by getting into parts of the system that most people do not have access to before they can be identified by an attacker. By proactively mitigating risks and guaranteeing compliance with regulatory standards, penetration testing can help to strengthen an organization’s security posture. Mr. Chance stated our computer system passed and this will help with our liability insurance and digital insurance coverage.

BAKER TILLY MEETING:

Mr. Chance will be meeting with Baker Tilly to discuss the Mississnewa project. The Indiana Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program released the SFY 2024 Project Priority List, July 6, 2023, for water and wastewater funding. Peru Utilities Long-term control plan is number 11 on the wastewater list and CSO Corrections for Clean Water (large systems) funding will be some of the topics they will be discussing with Baker Tilly tomorrow.

IMPA RATING AGENCY MEETING:

Mr. Chance stated one of his duties as being on the executive board of IMPA is to meet with the rating agencies for bond issuances and he will be in New York City, July 31st through Aug 2nd for meetings. Mr. Brindle will lead the next Peru Utility Board Meeting on August 2, 2023, in Mr. Chances absence.

PERU UTILITIES MONTHLY FINANCIALS:

Mr. Chance summarized all Peru Utility division’s gross revenues, net margins, operating expenses, and fund balance to the Board members. The electric department revenue is up approximately 5% over the year and June will be the first month that the new electric rates are in effect. The electric purchased power for May was \$1,662,800 and the purchased power cost is up 3% for the year.

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

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