

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
September 20, 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, September 20, 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, Chris McKinney, Dave Van Baalen and Jami Edwards. Others present Jamin Beisiegel, Alice Hartley, Michael Biesenbach, Mayor Miles Hewitt, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason and Dustin Kern-Attorney. Absent: Joshua Chance, Wayne Brindle and Kathleen Plowthow-City Council Liason

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023:

Board member Chris McKinney moved that the minutes of September 6, 2023 be approved. Board member Dave Van Baalen 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 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, October 4, 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 GRISSOM WATER UTILITY SRF DISBURSEMENT #74:

The Board considered a recommendation to approve the Grissom Water Utility SRF Disbursement #74 to Bobcat of Lafayette.

Board member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve the recommendation for the Grissom Water Utility Disbursement #74 to Bobcat of Lafayette in the amount of \$108,823.00. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

B.) APPROVE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY TRUCK FOR PERU WASTEWATER:

The Board considered a recommendation to approve the purchase of a (Ram 5500) Utility Truck for Peru Wastewater.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the recommendation to purchase a 2024 Ram 5500 truck body and chassis for \$62,678.25 and finish it with boxes and accessories next year. Board member Dave VanBaalen seconded the motion. The vote was non-unanimous, the motion passed by a majority vote.

C.) APPROVE CANAL ST. SUBSTATION FOUNDATION BID:

The Board considered a recommendation for the project to be awarded to Premier Power Maintenance Bid.

Board member Chris McKinney made a motion to approve the recommendation for Premier Power Maintenance bid for \$98,190.00. Board member Richard Donoho seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

D.) APPROVE LTCP WWTP ENGINEERING:

The Board considered a recommendation to approve the contract for the engineering and construction services for the wastewater plant portion of the Long-Term Control Plan.

Board member Richard Donoho made a motion to approve the recommendation for the contract with Hazen and Sawyer for the LTCP WWTP Engineering. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed unanimously.

- 7.) **CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** Mayor Hewitt announced a Riley Pitner Fundraiser - Kickball Tournament for Riley Pitner the daughter of Peru Police Department Lt. Detective Colten Pitner and Jessica Pitner. The fundraiser is scheduled for October 14, 2023, at the Bunker Hill Baseball Field starting at 9 a.m. Riley battles CLN3 Batten Disease, a terminal disease of the nervous system. Mayor Hewitt stated that there will be a benefit concert and food trucks this Saturday, at the Literary Aide to help Steve Anderson with Medical bills.
- 8.) **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Mr. Kern stated he has received a response from someone at the TRECKS program and he will talk to Mr. Chance when he returns from leave.
- 9.) **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Beisiegel reported that we have the Fall River Cleanup this Saturday morning for those who can attend, and the Happy Harvest Employee Fall Event starts at 1:00pm located at Catey Heritage Farms.

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

