



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday February 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Memorandum

Ms. Merrill called the meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Treasurer Jane Merrill, Secretary Michael McDonald, members, Eric Hand, Amanda Foley, and Steve Pittman. Others in attendance were Utility Director Andrew Williams, Legal Counsel Scott Wyatt, Engineering Manager Wes Merkle, Controller Cindy Sheeks and Administrative Assistant Maggie Crediford. Mr. Mills, Mr. Kimbell, Mr. Ryerson and Mr. Hill were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the public.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the meeting memorandum from January 10, 2022. Mr. Hand seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Ms. Sheeks said there was a large health insurance payment made in the amount of \$60,000 which was for two months, going forward that payment will be less. Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the claims docket. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wyatt had no report.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams said today was Robert Mendoza's first day with the Utility. He has filled the new Laborer position. The Mayflower Park Association denied TriCo's request to install speed bumps along Mayflower Park Drive. Mr. Williams thanked the Board and Staff for the support he received while his father was ailing as well as the condolences received when he passed away. The Utility received a positive review from a customer on Google. Staff helped them find a bore through in their lateral and helped them work with the contractor to get the repairs made, saving the homeowner a lot of time and money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee

Funds Transfer to Interceptor Fund

Mr. Pittman made a motion to transfer \$675,000 from the Plant Expansion Fund to the Interceptor Fund. Ms. Foley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Void Stale Dated Checks

Mr. McDonald made a motion to void \$485.91 worth of checks that have been outstanding for two years. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Personnel & Benefits Committee

Compensation Study

Mr. Hand said the Personnel and Benefits Committee met with Staff and First Person consulting to discuss a 2022 salary study for the Utility. Mr. Hand made a motion to approve hiring First Person to conduct TriCo's 2022 Salary Study. Ms. Foley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Pittman asked if First Person is a local company. Mr. Williams said yes, and they have worked with several surrounding municipalities.

Capital & Construction Committee

Mr. Pittman said the Capital and Construction Committee did not meet.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Equipment

Mr. Merkle asked the Board to render the decommissioned UV disinfectant equipment and the decommissioned odor control unit surplus equipment so they can be sold. Ms. Foley made a motion to render the decommissioned UV disinfectant equipment and Odor Control Unit surplus equipment to be sold. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2022 Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives memo was incomplete in the Board packet, discussion on this item was moved to the March Board meeting.

Mr. Williams said one of staff's goals is to always be looking for ways to optimize service and reduce costs. Replacement of the camera truck has been discussed, and it will not be feasible this year due to the very limited availability of trucks. Staff is looking into SL-RAT acoustic inspection, which sends sound waves through the sewer to detect the integrity of the pipes to see if there are any blockages. The City of Carmel uses this technology and says it helps them detect bore throughs and blockages. Staff tested the technology a few years ago and was unimpressed, but later found out that the company who provided the demo was not using it properly so the poor results staff saw may have been from user error, so the Utility is revisiting it.

Ms. Merrill made mention of the review the Staff received from a customer regarding help provided to them by the Utility when a contractor bore through their sewer lateral. She asked that the Board's appreciation be passed along to all staff members who were involved. Mr. Williams said when Mr. Strong mentioned the review at the staff meeting, he thanked all the departments who helped service the customer from customer service who took the call, the engineering department who helped locate the lateral, and the team that was onsite who helped the customer locate the break. Mr. Strong was able to help the homeowner talk with Duke whose contractor was responsible for the bore through to get the issue resolved as fast as possible.

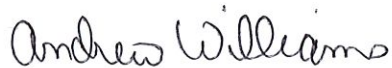
Mr. Pittman said he has made offers to purchase properties in the area that is part of TriCo's territory up to 200 and 421, where Lennar tried to rezone properties in that area but was turned down by the Town of Zionsville. He wanted to let the Board know because he has previously recused himself from voting on projects in that area and will continue to do so and he wanted to be sure he was transparent with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

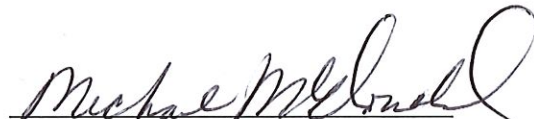
Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Williams
Utility Director

Approved:

as Presented
 as Amended


Michael McDonald, Secretary
Carl Mills, President

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So Duke Energy bored directly through my parents sewer lateral at their home in Carmel crushing it completely and after failed attempts to unclog the pipes and 3 different sets of plumbers coming to the house I called the city to help us. The city of Carmel informed me that Trico is who owns our sewage mains and gave me a phone number. I called Trico told them my story and within minutes i got a call back from Aaron. Without Aaron and his army of men and machines I would probably still be trying to figure out what was wrong. Within a couple of days Aaron and his men were able to decide for sure that our pipe had been crushed and do an official location of the broken pipe and match it to Duke Energy after they had cross bored at 8' , much deeper than they were supposed to (electrical normally 3'). He made a few calls and the same day i had a call from one of the directors at Duke taking blame for the damages and promising to send an excacation crew to fix everything. The next day they came out in the freezing cold and snow and fixed everything which even included breaking a 5' x 5' section of the street. I had a slight bit of an issue trying to recover monies lost from Duke leading up to the excavation amd Aaron guiding me on what to do with that as well. So super helpful and just great guys overall all of the Trico lads and a special thanks to Aaron!

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