



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Memorandum

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Carl Mills, Treasurer Jane Merrill, Secretary Michael McDonald, members, Eric Hand, Chuck Ryerson, Amanda Foley, and Jeff Hill. 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. Pittman and Mr. Kimbell were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the public.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM

Ms. Merrill made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023, Board meeting memorandum. Ms. Foley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Ms. Sheeks said there was a bond and interest payment this month in the amount of \$674,000. The invoice for the installation of the new irrigation system around the building, and some bills for construction projects for Lift Stations 8 and 16. Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the claims docket. Mr. Hand seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wyatt had no report.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams said the open house was a success. Staff estimates that there were at least 175 people in attendance. Nathan Crowder applied for a grant to partner with IURC and UPPA on a truck wrap. The truck has been wrapped and was featured in the May Newsletter.

The Utility has been notified by the State Board of Accounts that they will be conducting a five-year audit covering years 2018 to 2022. Crowe has been contracted to do the audit and should only be onsite one day. The rest of the information will be submitted electronically.

Mr. Williams said the Collections Staff is the first in the country to install a Poo Pit device to replace a manhole. The application is widely used in Australia. The Poo Pit was also featured in the June Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Merrill made a motion to set the Board Member Pay to \$150 per day pursuant to Section 1 of IC 13-26-4-7. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Personnel & Benefits Committee

The Personnel and Benefits Committee did not meet.

Capital & Construction Committee

Dedication: Ms. Foley made a motion to accept the dedication of Guidepost Higher Ground Elementary School Sanitary Sewers. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Professional Services Agreement #2301 LS 10 Upgrades: Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with Commonwealth Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$70,700.

Tee/Wye CIPP Lateral Liner Project: Ms. Foley made a motion to award the Tee/Wye lateral liner contract to Circle City Pipe Lining for \$32,859.

WRRF Master Planning Update & Service Area Growth: Mr. Williams discussed potential opportunities TriCo may have to treat areas outside its current service area. Mr. Merkle and Mr. Williams asked the Board for permission to issue a Request for Proposal for a Master Plan Update Study. Mr. Hand asked if the proposal would include key milestones and a time frame. Mr. Merkle said this would be a high-level study focusing on additional capacity. Cost estimates are needed to determine appropriate system development fees. The final report would be due in October, when more information is needed for a potential agreement with HSE to serve Union Township. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve staff issuing a Requests for Proposals. Ms. Foley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Merrill said she is relieved to see that the issues with Valvoline and Jaquie's Café are resolved.

Mr. McDonald asked where the Utility stands with cyanide levels. Mr. Williams said the staff is still testing it, but the portable tests TriCo has were not capable of detecting such low levels, so the staff is having to collect sample and send them out to be tested. The lab has worked with TriCo and is expediting results, but there is still a lag between when the test goes out and when it comes back making it hard to track down the source. Mr. Merkle said tests suggest that the issue is coming from Basin 16. The levels have gone down, and IDEM is not concerned at this point as the levels while elevated are not causing TriCo to violate their permit. The staff, however, wants to figure out the source and make sure that they start implementing the proper pretreatment measures to reduce the amount of cyanide entering TriCo's system. The Staff continues to work on finding the source.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hand Seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Williams
Utility Director

Approved:

as Presented
 as Amended


Michael McDonald, Secretary
Carl Mills, President