

**Valparaiso City Utilities
Board of Directors
April 22, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso City Utilities met at the Valparaiso Department of Water Works Board Room, 205 Billings Street, Valparaiso, Indiana on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

Members present were Board Members Jack Barkley, David Bengs, and Kathy Luther. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director John Hardwick, Controller Dick Freeman, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Water Reclamation Manager Steve Poulos, Water Operations Manager George Brown, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, Alina Thompson, and Times Reporter Phil Wieland. Guests: Christine Livingston from Save the Dunes Conservation & Olin and Barb Carter at 304 Powderhorn Drive.

The minutes of the April 1, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

Financial Report – WD & WRD March Financial Report – The Board approved the March WD & WRD Financials subject to Dick Freeman to re-check and clarify the problem with WRD projections that he noted.

Automatic Meter Reading, MXU and Battery Replacement Advertisement for Bids

Approval – The Board approved the advertisement for bids for the Automatic Meter Reading - MXU and Battery Replacement. The bids will be received at the May 27, 2008 meeting.

Change Order No. 2 – WRD Main Control Building – Change Order No. 2 for the WRD Main Control Building for an increase in the amount of \$1,292.70 was approved by the Board. The Board also gave permission for Utilities Director John Hardwick to sign the change order.

Rain Barrel Program – Christine Livingston from Save the Dunes Conservation gave a presentation on the Rain Barrel Program. She explained by installing rain barrels is a simple measure that individual citizens can take to conserve water and decrease the cumulative, negative effects of Stormwater. Christine is trying to get utilities to partner with Save the Dunes Conservation and project partners will coordinate a comprehensive, ongoing effort to educate and motivate citizens to install rain barrels throughout Porter County. Rain Barrels are low-cost water conservation devices that can be used by individuals to reduce polluted Stormwater runoff. Ms. Livingston stated that being a partner would not require a financial commitment. The Board indicated that they would be willing to be a partner.

Utilities Director Hardwick Report:

Selective Insurance Written Response – Olin Carter, 304 Powderhorn Drive – The Board reviewed a letter from Selective Insurance in response to the Carters' visit at the last Board meeting. The Carters' claim is still denied. Upon the Carters asking what do they do next, they were advised to contact Attorney Langer's office.

Horse Prairie Ave. Sewer Collapse Update – WRD Manager Steve Poulos gave an update on Horse Prairie Ave. and asked the Board for permission to go to City Council to fund this project via an appropriation from the Sewer Cumulative Fund. The Board made a motion to proceed.

WRD Ferrous Chloride Event – Steve Poulos informed the board on the circumstances surrounding an accidental release of liquid ferrous chloride which was supplied to us by Worthington Steel at the WRD EKPCF. This event happened in the Fall of 2007. We were just informed yesterday that there was a fish kill and IDEM is investigating the problem and may fine us for this accident. (A copy of the event is attached.)

Utilities Director John Hardwick announced that in the near future a meeting will be set up for a tour at the new main control building at WRD.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting is May 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Jack Barkley, Acting President

Kathy Luther, Secretary