

**Valparaiso City Utilities
Board of Directors
July 14, 2009**

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, July 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President Brad Dolezal, David Bengs, Lori Ferngren and Mike Sur. Also present were staff members: Assistant Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Attorney Mike Langer, Controller Dick Freeman, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Water Operations Leader George Brown, WD Lab Director Shihua Chen, Staff Accountant Alina Hahn, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, City Administrator Bill Oeding and Public Works Manager Ron Detorrice. Also in attendance was Times Reporter Phil Wieland.

President Brad Dolezal introduced and welcomed our new Board Member Mike Sur. Steve Poulos confirmed his appointment with a copy of the Mayor's signed certificate of appointment.

Election of Officers for 2009-2010:

- Brad Dolezal President
- David Bengs Vice President
- Kathy Luther Treasurer
- Lori Ferngren Secretary
- Mike Sur Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the June 23, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

Street Sweeper (Public Works Dept.) – Bill Oeding and Ron Detorrice presented to the Board information on a new street sweeper and requested approval to receive bids on a new street sweeper for Public Works. The Board approved to receive bids on a new three wheel broom street sweeper.

WRD – CMAQ Grant Agreement Vehicles – Tabled

WRD Phase 2 – Final Change Order (#5) – The Board approved the Final Change Order (#5) for WRD Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$9,020. (Copy Attached)

WD – Flint Lake Dehumidification System – George Brown presented the Flint Lake Dehumidification System to the Board. Brown reported while trying to reduce energy costs at the treatment plants, it has become evident that the current dehumidification system at the Flint Lake Treatment Facility is a large consumer of natural gas during the summer. In fact the largest part of the plant uses natural gas only during the summer and none during the winter months. Brown has tried to operate the plant without

dehumidification, but this has caused damage to furnaces and premature failure of the paint on the piping and filter tanks themselves. The fixed equipment that has been proposed to replace our current system has been quoted at a price of over \$40,000 with a 1 year warranty. This equipment would still use natural gas during the summer. I have found company in Wisconsin that manufactures dehumidifiers designed to be used in a water treatment plant. The cost for this equipment would be \$15,000 with a 3 year warranty. This equipment would pay for itself in natural gas savings in 7 months of dehumidification. George Brown proposed taking the \$15,000 from the \$80,000 that is in the capital budget for BioSolids removal to pay for this new equipment. The remaining \$65,000 will be more than adequate for the removal of the Biosolids from the Flint Lake settling pond. The Board approved the Flint Lake Dehumidification System. (Copy Attached)

WD – Plant Fork Lift Replacement Bid – George Brown presented the bid for the Plant Fork Lift Replacement. Brown reported last May we sent our 37 year old Baker 4000# fork lift for service. We were notified that the roll over protection system was cracked and could not be repaired. Since the unit is so old no replacement parts are available. This means that we cannot use this fork lift because it is unsafe and does not meet the required safety standards. Recently, we received a bid from Randall Industries, Portage, for replacing the unsafe fork lift with a 1999 CAT model 5000#. The quote included a \$500 scrap value for our Baker fork lift. This price would be \$7,400 less the \$500 scrap value or a total of \$6,900. Since this is not a budgeted item, I propose that we use the funds left over from the purchase of our maintenance vehicle this year. We had budgeted \$35,000 for that purchase and \$9,000 remains after the vehicle purchase that we could use for this fork lift. The Board approved the Bid from Randall Industries in the amount of \$6,900. (Copy Attached)

WD – Water Conservation Plan Study – Addendum No. 1– George Brown presented the Water Conservation Plan Study – Addendum No. 1 between CDM and VCU. CDM is asking for an additional \$2,500 due to extra Water Conservation Meetings. George asked for Board approval. The Board approved the Addendum No. 1. (Copy Attached)

Staff Reports:

Cathy distributed the invitation to the annual city wide picnic and invited all Board Members to attend.

Meeting adjourned.

The Next Board Meeting is July 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Dolezal, President

Lori Ferngren, Secretary