

**Valparaiso City Utilities
Board of Directors
January 12, 2010**

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, January 12, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President Brad Dolezal, David Bengs, Lori Ferngren, Kathy Luther and Mike Sur. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director John Hardwick, Assistant Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Administrative Assistant Cathy Fejer, Controller Dick Freeman, Distribution Manager Chuck McIntire, Office Manager Shaun Shifflett, Water Operations Manager George Brown, Lab Director Shihua Chen, Staff Accountant Alina Hahn, Stormwater Engineer Matt Kras, Public Works Director Ron DeTorrice and WRD Environmental Compliance Administrator Ed Pilarski. Also in attendance were Times Reporter Phil Wieland and Bob Schwartz.

The minutes of the December 15, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed and approved the claims submitted.

WD Hydro Excavator Lease/Purchase Agreement – The Board of Directors approved the Lease Purchase Agreement from Horizon Bank for the new Hydro Excavator. The purchase amount was \$351,000. (Copy of lease agreement is attached)

WD Rebecca Street Townhomes Contractor and Developer Contracts – The Board of Directors approved the Rebecca Street Townhomes Contractor and Developer Contracts. (Copies Attached)

401K Plan – Plan Administrator Appointment – The Board of Directors approved Alina Hahn to become a Plan Administrator for the Valparaiso City Utilities 401K Plan.

SWM Street Sweeper Funding Approval – The Board of Directors approved the funding for the Street Sweeper. (Copy attached) Ron DeTorrice agreed to return the trade-in allowance from the 2004 Street Sweeper to Valparaiso City Utilities Storm Water fund. There was discussion regarding using the fire hydrants to fill the sweeper tank. The use of fire hydrants for other purposes than the Fire Department or the Water Department is prohibited per City Code Section 50.04. The Public Works Department was given a temporary waiver until new street sweepers were purchased. Board member Lori Ferngren asked for additional information as it relates to backflows into the water system. Hardwick stated that he would send that information to the Board members.

WD Meadow Lane/Park Avenue – Advertisement for Bids – The Board of Directors approved the Advertisement for Bids for Meadow Lane/Park Avenue Water Main Improvements. The bid advertisement will be published on the 18th and 25th of January. (Copy Attached)

Reverse 911 – Verizon Telephone Number Contract – Tabled.

Staff Reports:

VCU Energy Team – Shihua Chen has been identified as the Utilities Energy Program Manager for the Energy Pilot Program in partnership with EPA/IDEM. The goal is to find significant ways to reduce WD and WRD's energy consumption.

WRD – IWEA Lab Award – WRD Environmental Compliance Administrator Ed Pilarski reported on the lab award received by IWEA. This is the third year that the lab received this award.

Main Break Totals for Year 2009 – Distribution Supervisor Chuck McIntire distributed a "Main Break" summary of total main breaks year 2004 through 2009. There were 86 main breaks in the year 2009. (Copy attached)

Meeting adjourned.

The Next Board Meeting is January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Dolezal, President

Lori Ferngren, Secretary