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Service Board

BOARD MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2025 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the L.E.A.D. Center, Building 101, at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

Roll was then called and those board members present were: Robert Logan, Chairman; Kristy Barney, Isaiah Fuller, and Al Green. Doug Carl and Jayda Monteiro were absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Robin Shrader, Director; Pat Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste; Tiffany Snyder, Accounting/Billing Coordinator; Kyle Persinger, Attorney; Misty Humphries, Secretary; and Brianna Coffing, Chronicle-Tribune.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Reverend Green, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2025. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Mrs. Snyder presented the May, 2025 financials. Mrs. Snyder explained that sales for all utilities were slightly above or consistent with prior years. Solid Waste continued to see an increase due to the rate increase in the fall of 2024. Water and Wastewater also saw an increase over the prior year due to the January increases. However, the Water industrial revenue did provide quite a credit to Atlas which changed the outcome there slightly. Mrs. Snyder stated that there were significant expenses as all of the insurance policies were up for renewal and the annual amounts were paid in May. According to Mrs. Snyder, all in all there was a positive cash flow prior to debt service for all the Utilities except for Water. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Ms. Barney, to approve the financials. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton reported that the SRF projects had drawn to a close. The distribution projects were closed and retainage was released. The tank projects would have some final paperwork submitted tomorrow and through next week to start closing those out. The lead service line replacement project would have a change order for replacing the striping on the street. Once the striping was completed, it would be closed out as well. Mr. Pinkerton said this left the meter project which was also close to being completed. Mrs. Shrader noted that there was an impending delivery on specialty sized meters. The vast majority of meters are the 5/8", but there were some 1", 1 1/2", 3/4" that were taking a little longer. Mr. Pinkerton said given that, the project may last a couple more months, but there was not that much left. The installation had slowed down. Reverend Green asked what the black cap on the lid was. Mrs. Shrader said it was an antenna that reached out to the collection device. Mr. Pinkerton then reported that the drainage project



at the Water plant was completed. Mr. Pinkerton said he hoped to have the first and final request on that project at the next meeting. The project did require more limestone excavation than what was expected. Mrs. Shrader reminded the Board that IDEM required a mitigation of the stormwater that came in contact with the lime drying vents. IDEM's requirement was to capture all of that so this drain project was meant to do that and direct it back to the lift station that sends everything to the lagoons. Mrs. Shrader said the hope was to be able to do away with that permit completely so that it's not something to worry about down the road. Mrs. Shrader stated that while there was more to that project, we were not in a mad rush to get there simply because we're controlling the water that was leaving the lagoons easily. Mrs. Shrader added that the hope was to eventually get that to drain to the sanitary sewer and be treated at the Wastewater plant.

CUSTOMER REQUEST 97348 & 100832

Mrs. Humphries explained that there were two customer requests that had been assigned to the Water Committee for review. The first request was one that had been tabled. The customer had requested last fall that he receive a leak adjustment on an irrigation system that was tied into his domestic service. At the time of request, there was a leak in the domestic service that had not been repaired. The Board's policy was to consider adjustments after repairs have been made so the request was tabled. Repairs have now been made and an adjustment of \$316.65 was made. The customer was happy with this adjustment.

The second request was due to another act of vandalism where someone turned on the outside spigot of a home while the homeowner was working a 12 hour shift in Bluffton. The Board has established a precedent for a request like this, but we had requested that the Water Committee review the request because it was a large adjustment in the amount of \$5,260.43. The bill had been \$5,875.59. The customer's normal bill was \$65-\$69. Water Committee's recommendation was to process the adjustment according to the established policy. Mr. Lewis asked if a new meter was installed at the residence. Mrs. Humphries said unfortunately not. Had a new meter been installed, an alert would have notified a customer service representative of a burst. Mr. Lewis moved to accept the recommendation of the Water Committee. Reverend Green seconded the motion. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There were none.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

M Humphries, Executive Assistant

Mrs. Humphries happily reported that Terri Couse, the Safety Coordinator, would be receiving the L.L. Larson Safety Award for Excellence at the IWEA Conference in August. The L.L. Larson Safety Award was given to a person responsible for bringing about safety improvements in the operation of a waste treatment facility to help reduce the number of waste treatment plant accidents. Mr. Logan asked Mrs. Humphries to let Ms. Couse know that the Board congratulates her on her outstanding achievement.

P Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported 922 tons through Transfer Station in June which was an average of 54 tons

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per day placing it firmly in the range of experience. The average was not too high or too low. Mr. Logan stated that good predictable numbers allowed for planning.

R Shrader, Director

Mrs. Shrader said that the pictures on the slides were from The Splash House community event. The cost was less than the costs for an open house. There were 300 in attendance at The Splash House that day and another 700 views were picked up on social media. Mrs. Shrader said the event was a huge success. She also mentioned that the water taste testing went very well and was enjoyed. Mrs. Shrader reminded the Board that the IWEA conference was being held when the August 21st meeting would normally take place. As such, the August 7th meeting would be the only one held in August. Mrs. Shrader reported that the Leadership and Development Institute was starting its next round with cohorts. Attendees from Marion include Terri Couse, Misty Humphries, and Mark Theel. Mrs. Shrader then explained that from time to time local limits were evaluated. This means that industry needs were evaluated as industries in town have the ability to send the plant in the background concentrations in wastewater to know whether or not certain substances have to be regulated. Mrs. Shrader said with the industry being what it was now, there was only one substance that needed to be regulated. The substance was molybdenum which was a heavy metal. The procedure was to put an article in the newspaper to make sure everyone knows this was happening. There would be a period of 30 days for comments and/or questions. At the end of the comment period, a resolution would be brought to the Board identifying the new local limits. Mrs. Shrader said that this was something that happens periodically.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Fuller said he was surprised to hear of the continued vandalism of homes by turning on water spigots. Mrs. Humphries said it was communicated to her that the events were not happening with great frequency which was good, but it does make it harder to catch the perpetrators. In addition, the vandalism seems to be happening to those with older homes where spigots may be located in the back of the houses and not noticed right away.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan said it was good to see everyone here. He welcomed Mr. Lewis back mentioned that it was nice to have Mr. Persinger in attendance as well.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Reverend Green, to adjourn the meeting. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman
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ATTEST



Misty Humphries, Its Secretary

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