

Service Board

BOARD MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, October 16, 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 called and those board members present were: Robert Logan, Chairman; Kristy Barney, Isaiah Fuller, Mike Graft, Al Green, and Herschel Lewis. Jayda Monteiro was absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Robin Shrader, Director; Pat Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste; Chad Guyer, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance; Kyle Persinger, Attorney; Tiffany Snyder, Accounting/Billing Coordinator; and Misty Humphries, Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no modifications, additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Graft, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2025 meeting. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Mrs. Snyder presented the August, 2025 financials. She enthusiastically pointed out that each utility had a gain. Mrs. Snyder explained that sales for all Utilities, except for Stormwater, were above or consistent with prior years. On the expense side, she said Operations and Maintenance expenses were fairly consistent with prior monthly operations and maintenance expenses in the year 2025 except for payroll. There were five Fridays in the month of August which resulted in an additional payroll period in the month. Mrs. Snyder stated that the Water Utility saw a large increase in Transportation Expense, largely due to a \$19,934.50 distribution maintenance expense. The Solid Waste Utility also saw an increased transportation expense of \$31,092.17, which was about \$10,000 greater than the prior month's expense. For Wastewater, Mrs. Snyder reported that the Wastewater Utility did not make a treatment plant payment for electricity this month, so its Utility Expenses were about \$35,000 less than its August 2024 Utility Expenses. Mrs. Snyder also reminded the Board that last month, the Water Utility made a retainage payment from the construction escrow and the semi-annual debt service payment. Two months ago, the Water Utility expended the depreciation funds to zero balances, and the Water Utility operating balance was less than the desired two months of balance. The slight increase in income was transferred to the Bond and Interest Account and Debt Service Account as required. In closing, Mrs. Snyder said overall, there was a net gain for all the utilities. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Graft, to approve the financials as presented. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pinkerton said that at the next meeting there would be an item on the agenda to hopefully approve 800 feet of cured-in-place on Lincolnshire. The project was out for bids now.

CSO TANK

Mrs. Shrader said that she had received the paperwork reflecting the discussion had in executive session for the CSO tank. Mrs. Shrader said that the next step would be to approve the paperwork, and everything was as discussed. Mr. Logan asked Mr. Persinger if the settlement was satisfactory. Mr. Persinger said yes, everything had been negotiated and all parties agreed to the terms. Mr. Persinger said that after the signing the distribution should be soon to follow. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Ms. Barney, to approve the submitted paperwork for the CSO tank. All board members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

There were none.

CONTRACT UPDATES

Mr. Guyer said that a few contracts were up for review and updates. However, there was still some legal language to be reviewed so this item would be brought back at a later time.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP REPORTS

M. Humphries, Executive Assistant

Mrs. Humphries said that she would be reaching out to schedule budget committee meetings in early November. There were a few items that had yet to come in like the health insurance quotes for 2026. Mr. Logan stated that he had seen a few quotes and the numbers were less than ideal.

P. Pinkerton, Assistant Director for Engineering & Solid Waste

Mr. Pinkerton reported that 920 tons for the month or 51 tons per day had been collected for September. This was the same level collected in 2020.

C. Guyer, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Guyer stated that the Wastewater and Water crews were taking advantage of the nice weather. They had been hauling a lot of lime to farmers.

R Shrader, Director

Mrs. Shrader shared that the Long Term Control Plan project for Clark Street & Home Avenue was out for bid. Bids should be presented at the next board meeting. In conjunction with that, at the last City Council meeting, Council heard the bond ordinance. Tuesday would be the second reading. Mrs. Shrader said that she had also been making rounds to City Council members about the Water Utility's financial situation. Mrs. Shrader said she hoped to approach City Council next month for discussion. Mrs. Shrader closed by reminding the Board of the Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Friday, October 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the 1400 building. Mrs. Shrader told the Board they were welcome to attend or even participate with a booth. She also noted that employees were allowed to dress up at work that day. There were often interesting characters that show up for work each year.

MARION UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS (4-YEAR TERMS)

Isaiah Fuller (7/2024-7/2028) Al Green (7/2023-7/2027) Herschel Lewis (7/2022-7/2026) Jayda Monteiro (7/2025-7/2029)

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT (4-YEAR TERMS)

Kristen Barney (7/2024-7/2028) Mike Graft (7/2025-7/2029) Robert Logan (7/2022-7/2026)

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan thanked everyone for their attendance at a short meeting. He said it was important to meet because of the settlement agreement bringing significant resources in. Thank you for attending a short meeting. Lewis, Green 5:42 pm

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 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 5:42 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST

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