

WATER BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2005
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Bob Cochran, Robin Meyer, Frank Massey and Chuck Storie.

Minutes were approved.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

H.J. Umbaugh representative gave a summary report on the rate study they have done. Total revenue required to operate is \$1,945,100 and the total revenue available is \$1,676,200. That is a shortage of \$268,900 that is needed to operate with. A rate increase of 16% across the Board is proposed, with 10% the first year and 3% the next two years each. The increased proposed would apply to rural water as well. Increase of \$2.44 for the average residential and \$1.38 for a minimum residential.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Bob Cochran to approve the proposal of a rate increase of 16% broken down with 10% the first year and 3% for the next two years each. So passed.

Rick Denney, Water Superintendent stated the plant is pushing about all the water possible through the plant as of now. The plant might last another 8-10 years maximum if that.

They also discussed adjusting the existing connection charge for meters being set. Umbaugh's done a calculation study as well on an equity charge system that would figure out what the connection charge should be.

Rick Denney said he figured up that it cost the City \$730 and they are only charging \$500. Rick suggests \$750 for a three-quarter inch tap and \$1000 for an inch tap.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Frank Massey to approve a \$750 for a three-quarter inch tap and \$1000 for an inch tap. So passed.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Frank Massey to approve the purchase of a new starter for the raw water pump from Eastgate for \$953.70. So passed.

Rick Denney asks permission to purchase a new truck for the meter readers. The 1993 Dodge has the transmission going out of it. Rick had three quotes being:

1. Tom Sibbitt Chevrolet - \$14,653 and then they called back and dropped the quote to \$14,250.
2. Acra Automotive - \$16,832.
3. Don Meyer Ford - \$14,519.25 it is a mid-size with an extra door and space behind the seat.

Rick Denney asks permission to purchase the Don Meyer Ford truck because of it being a mid-size and having the extra door and space. This will allow for the meter readers being able to carry some extra equipment as well as clothing for when needed. Donna Lecher Water Office Manager agreed the Ford truck was a better fit for the meter readers.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Frank Massey to approve the purchase of the Don Meyer Ford truck. So passed.

Chemical bids were opened from the following companies:

1. JCI Jones Chemicals – Beech Grove, In.
2. Sal Chemicals – Weirton, W.V.
3. Ulrich Chemicals - Indianapolis, In.
4. Mid-State Chemicals – Indianapolis, In.
5. Brenntag – Columbus, In.

Bids will be taken by Rick Denney and a chart will be made with all the bids posted on it. The chart will be reviewed by Rick Denney and City Attorney and brought back to the Board at the July meeting to be awarded.

Donna Lecher, Water Office Manager brought up the radio read meters and the problems that they are having with the company. Donna had purchased 1000 meters and still has 234 sitting in the garage without any components to read them. Donna stated that she is not happy with this company. The original company went out of business and the new company purchased by name only and any warranties are not honored. Donna asks for some direction from the Board.

Board told Donna to find out more information and bring back to the next meeting.

Donna Lecher requested permission to upgrade the cash drawer that they have. They have had it since 1993 and she would like to go with a new system and bar code scanner. The company is Greentree Applied Systems, Inc., the same billing software company they have. The cost of the new cash receipt system would be \$2100 and two bar code scanners at \$350 each, with a total of \$2800 plus whatever the software maintenance would be.

Board asks to table this till next months meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer