

WATER BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009  
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chuck Storie, John Wall, Robin Meyer, Frank Massey and Tony Higginbotham.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken and all were present.

Minutes were approved.

Rick Denney Water Superintendent asked the Board what they wanted to do about the rate study that Umbaugh's had done. There are some things that could be taken out of the original study that are capital improvements. The amount of those items would be approximately \$300,000 - \$400,000 for the water and wastewater. Because of this reduction there would need to be a revised study and the cost would run approximately \$2500 -\$3000. This would include the advertisements needed also.

Donna Lecher Water Office Manager stated if the Board wants to proceed with the rate study, it is through March 09 and a 3% increase was recommended a year for three years. The operating balance is below what it is suppose to be. Water usage by manufacturing is way down. A lot of rain causes less use of water. Umbaugh's would revise the study from March 08 through August 09.

**Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by John Wall to approve the revised rate study. Ayes Frank Massey, Tony Higginbotham, John Wall, Robin Meyer and Chuck Storie. Nays none. So passed.**

Donna Lecher reviewed the financial reports.

Darren Burkhardt reviewed the status report on the current projects. He had a change order #4 on the Waterworks Improvement for a reduction of \$72,092. An additional proposal to connect the existing 8 turbidimeters to the new PLC system has been sent to the contractor for pricing.

**Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by John Wall to approve the change order #4. Ayes Tony Higginbotham, Frank Massey, Robin Meyer, John Wall and Chuck Storie. Nays none. So passed.**

Rick Denney stated the reviews on the raw water mains easements are being read over.

Rick Denney informed the Board, that Habitat for Humanity is planning on building a house on South Franklin Street and requested to have all the necessary fees waived, availability \$955, tap \$750 and inspection \$25. These are just the water fees. He asked for the Boards opinion.

Board members felt that this could be creating an opening and request for many others to pursue, not that they don't find this a worthy cause.

Attorney Terry Coriden stated, this is set by Ordinance and you can't just override an Ordinance. He would be glad to look at the Ordinance and then render his opinion or they could deny it or if they permitted it then they could stipulate deferring it for five years or until it would be sold then they pay it back.

**Board members decided to take no action.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

**PRESIDING OFFICER** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer