

WATER BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Storie, Board President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Board President Chuck Storie, Board Members; Robin Meyer, John Wall, Tony Higginbotham and Frank Massey; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, Terry Coriden and Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office, and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

The Minutes of the February 16th Water Board were approved.

The **1<sup>st</sup>** item on the agenda was **RAW WATER LINE BID**. Rick Denney stated the Phase 2A Waterworks Improvements-Division 1 Flatrock Raw Water Main Bids were opened at a special meeting 2/26/2010. HNTB prepared a Tentative Award of Construction Contract Letter for Infrastructure Systems, Inc., who submitted the lowest most responsive bid in the amount of \$4,202,853.00. The contract is subject to the States PER approval. The anticipated date of approval is the end of April 2010. The PER had to be resubmitted to the State due to the rerouting of the line. **Motion was made by Robin and second by John to award the contract to Infrastructure Systems, Inc. All ayes and passed.**

The **2<sup>nd</sup>** item on the agenda was the **HOLLAND LEASE**. This was being revisited from last month's board meeting. At that time the board wanted to look into other options such as leasing to other farmers, logging or actually selling the property. Rick stated our old raw water line runs under part of this property and the board had concerns with that as well as not having enough time to investigate all options at this late date. The Holland lease expires the 31st of March, 2010. After discussion **Chuck made motion and Tony second to accept the new annual lease to Ted Holland in the amount of \$4,425.00 (payment due dates 4/1/2010 \$2,212.50 and 11/1/2010 \$2,212.50) and look into the other options this fall. All ayes and passed.**

The **3<sup>rd</sup>** item on the agenda was **HNTB**. Rick Denney spoke in the absence of Darren Burkhardt who was on vacation. Rick said that Plant #3 was running smoothly and all easements for the Raw Water Line have been recorded.

The **4<sup>th</sup>** item was **NORTH LINCOLN WATER LINE**. Rick opened discussion regarding 340 foot of 6 inch line that runs to Greenview Addition. Rick stated that line bottle necks to a six inch and isn't needed. He wants to upsize that line to a twelve inch and run it to the twelve inch by Dairy Queen, to loop his system. He got a quote from O'Mara at \$48.00 a foot, which cost would be approximately \$17,000.00. He stated his crew could do it for approximately \$5,000.00. The board asked if the line was posing a problem as it is and Rick stated it wasn't but hated to put it on the back burner. The Board wants to look at other problem areas in the City first. It was tabled at this time.

**City Engineer Gary Murray** reported on the Lincoln Street project. Gary stated a Change Order for the water line on Lincoln Street came before the TIF Board in the

amount of \$95,000.00. INDOT will cover 80% and TIF monies will pay the rest. The line is near completion. Rick stated we have been switching services over to the new line.

**MAYOR GARY HERBERT - ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO BOARD** was the final item on the agenda. Mayor Herbert stated, since he is a Board of Works voting member he wanted to let the board know that the Sewer Rates (and Water Rates) will go through an annual review through our own records. He also challenged Rick to see where he can be more cost efficient and to reduce the cost of operations. To do what you have to do with less. He is to give Mayor Herbert a report within the next month.

Donna Lecher discussed the 5/8" meter radio read situation as well as old possibly inaccurate meters in the system. On Monday, March 15th and 16th Donna organized a field trip to observe the system currently in place. The following were able to attend; City Councilwoman Helen Gardner, Water Board President Chuck Storie, Board of Works Member Dr. Rodney King, City Engineer Gary Murray, Mayor Gary Herbert, Sewer Superintendent Jeff Smith and meter readers Chris Martin and Tim Schroeder. Pictures were taken and presented as an example of just a few of the problem areas. Chuck reported to the board that something needs to be done. Donna discussed possible ways to fund a new system which included cash on hand in the Computer Reserve Funds for both Water and Wastewater and through a possible study and lease. At the April 5th, 2010 Board of Works meeting a representative from Johnson Controls is going to do a presentation on a free system audit and invited board members to attend.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Donna M. Lecher  
Water Office Manager