

WATER BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2010
6:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Minutes of the July 20th Water Board Meeting were approved.

- 1. CHEMICAL BIDS** - Alum wasn't approved at last months meeting. Sal Chemical had the lowest bid, but Rick stated our personnel have to unload the truck. City Attorney Terry Coriden explained that we needed to define the stipulations in our bid specs. He suggested Sal Chemical be sent a letter to request them to unload their product. Rick stated their response to the letter he sent was that they will unload the product. With that said, **Chuck made motion and John second** to accept Sal Chemical's bid which was approved for .303 cents per lb., beating out Brenntag Mid-South at .31 cents per lb. **All ayes and passed.** *Rick said he will keep an eye on the price so that it doesn't increase. The contract was for one year.*
- 2. VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE** - Last month Rick provided two quotes for a 125 HP high service pump. This pump take the place of two pumps that are used for the #2 and #4 high service pumps by cycling 3 or 4 times a day. This should pay for itself by using less electric within 9-12 months. Horner Electric's price of \$10,988.00 included the pump and labor and a two year warranty. The other quote was from Stacy's Plumbing for the pump \$7,871.25, which Rick would have to buy himself, and labor \$2,616.75, making a total of \$10,488.00. The board questioned Stacy's to see if they would warrant the pump and labor for two years as well? Rick said after checking with Stacy's they would and stated they have always done good work for them in the past. **Tony made motion to accept the bid from Stacy's for \$10,488.00, John 2nd, all ayes and passed.**
- 3. BUSH HOG** - Rick stated their bush hog went down on them recently. The gears have gone bad. They have physically rebuilt them at least 2 times in the past. He presented a quote from Stone's Farm Service, Inc. for a new BH3008 8' Dual Tail Wheel, 3pt Hitch \$4,700.00/-850.00 trade in; Repair Old Gearbox \$705.00; or a new Gearbox \$1,100.00. Rick recommends replacing the gearbox with a new one, with his personnel installing it. After discussion, the board asked if they will stand by the rebuild. Rick wasn't sure. **Tony made motion to repair the old gearbox at a cost of \$705.00, John second, all ayes and passed.**

Scott Chasteen popped in on his way to another meeting to say "Thank-You" to the Water Board and Rick's crew for the 3rd Street Project. Scott stated the neighborhood would be a lot safer with the added fire protection. The board welcomed the thank you and agreed the

project was long overdue and was glad to see it almost complete! Water plant personnel installed 5 new hydrants and approximately 1330' of 8" C900 water main. This area did not have hydrants previous to this. The budget was about \$33,000.00. Rick stated we saved a considerable amount of money by completing the project ourselves. Rick asked Darren Burkhart, HNTB, if we would have had to outsource the engineering and construction, how much more would it have cost? Darren stated approximately 20-25% more. Rick also stated they had been working four 10 hour days to complete the project. Within the next couple weeks all consumers should be tied into the new line. After that they should be back to working on work orders.

- 4. **HNTB UPDATE** - Darren updated the board on the Raw Water Line. He stated they have been dealing with some markings that were off and will be working with directional borings for the next day or two. Pay Request #2 for Infrastructure Systems was presented. He should be receiving a change request for a credit. January 2011 this project should be substantially complete, with final completion around Thanksgiving. The line is 12.5% installed.

Rick stated he has been working with the County Highway, Mark Mohr and Jerome Buening, regarding cutting into old Michigan Road, US Hwy 421 North. They have been good to work with. The County wanted to keep one lane open. Another issue was the west side of Clifty Creek boring 20' deep. If digging that deep it would have to be engineered. We are working with the County and Ivan, from the State on this.

- 5. **MAYOR GARY HERBERT - ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.** The Mayor wasn't present. No other issues came before the board.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Donna M. Lecher
Water Office Manager