

WATER BOARD MEETING
 APRIL 17, 2012
 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by board member, John Wall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - Board Members: Tony Higginbotham, Frank Massey, John Wall; Rick Denney, Water Plant Superintendent; Tim Coriden from Coriden Law Office; Gary Herbert, Mayor; and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

ABSENT – Board President, Chuck Storie; Board Member Robin Meyer was absent at roll call, arrived at 6:06pm.

The Minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved.

New Business

1. **BUSH HOG WARRANTY** – Rick brought warranty information on the bids from last month. Rick stated all have 5 year warranties. John asked if all were equal and comparable equipment. Rick stated they were. John read the quotes presented at the March 20th, 2012 meeting: Stone's \$4,760; Miller \$4,441; Smith \$4,078. **Tony made motion to approve the quote from Smith for \$4,078.00, Frank seconded the motion, motion carried.**
2. **JOHN DEERE 757 MOTOR** – Rick said the mower needs a new engine. The mower is 6 years old, the warranty has expired, and it has 1,000 hours on it. The cost new is \$10,000.00. Smith Implements quote for repair is \$3,518.50. The water utility has 3 mowers: bush hog, the 757 and a Kubota. They mow 140 acres. **Robin made motion to approve the repairs with Smith Implements at a cost of \$3,518.50, John seconded and motion carried.**
3. **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE** –Rick said that discontinuing the uniform portion of Water Employees Clothing Allowance was part of his budget cut a couple years ago, but it had to wait until the contract expired in January 2012 to implement. His recommendation was to bump up the clothing allowance for the inside crew from \$225.00 to \$325.00 and the outside crew from \$350.00 to \$500.00. By doing this we will save approximately \$200.00 per employee per year. Employees wear blue jeans and are required to wear logo T-shirts. Rick said the Board would recommend and the Council will approve and pass by Ordinance. **Tony recommended the change, Robin seconded, motion passed.**
4. **METER BIDS** - Bids were opened July 2011. The City has been reviewing and recommended rejecting the previous bids. We will be doing a hybrid; equipment & service are going to be separate. RFP for the cost of equipment. The cost to install will be separate-concerns: warranty, manpower and cost. Discussion was held. **Motion by Robin and 2nd by John to reject the previous bids. None opposed, motion carried.**

Rick has concern of the fish population at the Upland Reservoir and would like to have public fishing. Discussion was held. It was decided to try public fishing with the following conditions (stipulations):

- **Must be a Decatur County Resident**
- **Must have a valid State of Indiana fishing license**
- **Must execute the release and waiver form**

City Attorney, Tim Coriden, recommended the above conditions and any other safety conditions established and made by the Water Department Superintendent. The board wanted to make it clear this was being done on a trial, one time basis, first come-first serve, and that they will analyze and see where we go from there. Rick will alert the media with the conditions and starting date. **Robin made motion, with the above stipulations, John seconded. Roll call vote: Approved-John, Tony, Robin; Opposed-Frank. Motion carried.**

MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO BOARD- None.

Robin thanked Jeff Smith for all of the hard work he has done on the meter committee.

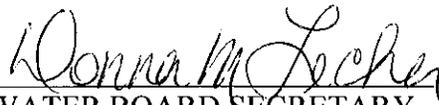
Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

PRESIDING OFFICER






Respectfully Submitted:


 WATER BOARD SECRETARY