

Manager's Agenda

Board Meeting

December 19, 2005

➤ DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
 - *October 17, 2005* (Agenda Item)
 - *November 21, 2005*
- Claim Dockets
 - *Month of November claims and transfers* (Agenda Item)
- Document; 2005 Write-off list
 - *List of uncollectible accounts* (Agenda item)
- Letter; Linda Clerkin
 - *Letter expressing interest in a position on the JNRU Board*
- Letter; Dwayne Murray
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- Letter; Alliance of Indiana Rural Water
 - *Invitation to host a Board Training seminar*
- Document; 2006 Budget (with Planning Charts and Graphs)
 - *2006 Final Budget for Board approval* (Agenda Item)
- Letter; Ed Judd, Jennings County Auditor
 - *Request for a more detailed cost breakdown of the Hayden Sewer Project*
- Resolution 2005-4; WWTP PER Submittal to IDEM
 - *Two versions; one based on "Economic Feasibility"* (Agenda Item)
- Document; H.J. Umbaugh
 - *Sewage District – Financial Analysis on Proposed Improvement Projects*
- Letter; Indiana Office of Environmental Adjudication
 - *Order for status report on the Objection to issue NPDES permit*
- Document; IDEM, Draft Revocation/Reissuance of NPDES
 - *Copy for review and comment before December 30, 2005*
- Phase I Preliminary Engineering Report
 - *Prepared for your review/presentation at a public hearing* (Agenda item)

➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

- Common Water/Sewer Department Issues:
 - **Final Budgets 2006** (*Copies provided with Manager's Agenda*)
 - Q&A during it's introduction on the agenda

- **Country Squire Lakes Homeowners Association (CSL) Request**
 - I'll be approaching the CSL Board at their Tuesday, December 20, 2005 board meeting to inquire about their interest in being released from the lease agreement for the JNRU property formerly used as the trash collection site. Beginning this month, I intend to begin attending their monthly meetings to answer questions and share JNRU project information.

- Water Department
 - **United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA);** *the USEPA will be issuing a new regulation (the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule) for disinfection byproducts by the end of this year.*
 - Testing Requirements: Test samples are required for each treatment plant in your distribution system; we do not treat the water, thus we should not be required to perform these tests.
 - Waivers: A waiver is available if testing were to begin before the end of 2005, however, Jennings Water, Inc. has already exceeded test limits, which prevents the possibility of receiving a waiver or reduced monitoring.

 - **Jennings Water, Inc. (JWI); Planned Rate Increases;** *I recently spoke with Mamie Erickson, JWI Manager, about testing requirements and asked if we should anticipate a rate increase in 2006. Mrs. Erickson explained that JWI is still developing plans for a project, and are waiting to find out how much funding they will receive through Rural Development; at which time, JWI will have their accountants study their rates. Mrs. Erickson said not to anticipate a rate increase before spring of 2006.*

- Sewer Department
 - **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**
 - Violations in November: Temperature drops are adversely affecting the treatment process, causing ammonia violations, and freezing equipment to the point of being inoperable. The appropriate noncompliance notices were delivered to IDEM and influent flows were diverted to the storage lagoons on December 9, 2005 due to equipment freezing.

 - **IDEM; NPDES Permit Objection by North Vernon**
 - The Office of Environmental Adjudication has requested another Status update. Mary Ann Gay is reviewing their request that requires a response by January 11, 2006. We have operated with the permit in question for approximately five (5) years and are currently renewing the permit. (see attachments)

- **IDEM; Meeting with Tom Easterly, the IDEM Commissioner;** *A meeting on December 6, 2005 gave JNRU officials an opportunity to express strong concerns for the possibilities of being unable to meet the requirements outlined in the IDEM issued Agreed Orders for 1)the Hayden Community, 2)the WWTP and 3) CSL's Collection System. Time constraints, economic feasibility and severed community relationships were among the top three concerns expressed during the two-hour meeting with Mr. Easterly and his top officials.*

 - Time: There may be ways the State could offer a little more time if we continue to work toward eliminating violating discharges;
 - Money: Our federal legislators could sponsor a State Budget line item to fund local projects; however, that's probably a lot easier to say than to do, and would certainly take time;
 - Community Relationships: The State did offer to attend meetings to answer questions, but could not designate a State-level individual to facilitate meetings and sharing of information between public entities or groups of people in order to identify a reasonable and economically feasible solution for our community; that remains the responsibility of our local government and community leaders.

- **IDEM Agreed Order; WWTP:**

 - The WWTP PER is ready for approval with Resolution No.2005-4, based on "economic feasibility".

- **IDEM Agreed Order; CSL Sewer Collection System:**

 - "Collection System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Plan" (CSERP) due July 2006. In Progress.

- **IDEM; "National Pollution Discharge Elimination System" (NPDES) Permit: Draft Revocation/Reissuance**

 - Review and written response by JNRU and Commonwealth will be returned to IDEM by December 30, 2005.

- **Vacuum Station No.4; Fire damage claim**

 - Work is ongoing, although slowed due to inclement weather and project scope expansion. A cost savings opportunity on rebuilt pumps allowed for the installation of a second (redundant) vacuum pump, additional electrical controls and a six-foot structural extension for an \$8,022 investment, above the insurance coverage (New pumps alone cost approximately \$18K).

➤ **DOCUMENTS TO REMEMBER**

- Board Meeting minutes approval
 - **October 17, 2005:..... (Monthly meeting)**
 - **November 21, 2005:..... (Monthly meeting)**

- Claim Dockets
 - **November 2005**
 - **Write-off List 2005**

- DMR/MRO signatures
 - **November 2005 reports**