

## Manager's Agenda

### **Board Meeting**

March 20, 2006

#### ➤ **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
  - *February 21, 2006* *(Agenda Item)*
- Monthly Financial Charts
  - *February 2006*
- Claim Dockets
  - *Month of February claims and transfers* *(Agenda Item)*
- Letter; JNRU to Jennings Water, Inc. (JWI)
  - December 21, 2004 letter requesting a more equitable, fair, reasonable wholesale rate
- Letter; Jennings Water
  - January 18, 2005 letter responding to request above.
- Document; H.J. Umbaugh
  - "Continuing Disclosure Engagement Agreement" *(Agenda Item)*
- Documents; H.J. Umbaugh
  - Rated Tables based on Rural Development financing, etc...

#### ➤ **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Common Water/Sewer Department Issues:
  - **Jennings County Trash Collection Site; CR 300 N**
    - The County Commissioners have responded to our request to clean up the trash site located on and adjacent to JNRU property; the trash is cleaned up and a barrier was created in the form of a ditch running along the county road combined with a mound of excavated soil placed behind the ditch, both appear to be in the county right-of-way.
  - **Alliance of Indiana Rural Water / Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)**
    - "Utility Board Training: Managerial Capacity": "Certificates of Accomplishment" are being presented to each attendee of the first in a three-part series of Utility Board Training classes; Technical Capacity and Financial Capacity are the next two classes.

○ Water Department

▪ **Jennings Water, Inc. (JWI); UPDATE; Planned Rate Increases**

- Mary Ann Gay (Legal council): Mary Ann spoke to Mr. Coon, the acting director for Rural Development (RD), after he had a chance to review JNRU's written request for wholesale rates and JWI's written response denying a change in wholesale rates (letters attached). According to Mr. Coon, RD has neither authority nor concern over the issue of JNRU being or not being the customer of JWI. This eliminated RD as a practical form of protection from newly acquired RD loans.
- Options:
  - File lawsuit to have rate changed:
    - Additional cost to pursue, build case, JWI not regulated, etc...
  - Terminate contract with JWI:
    - JWI may disconnect service
  - Pursue North Vernon water supply:
    - If successful, JWI would probably file lawsuit to prevent JNRU from terminating service agreement based on lawsuit against CSL Utilities.

○ Sewer Department

▪ **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**

- "Ammonia" Violations in February: Temperature swings were still adversely affecting the treatment process in February and causing ammonia violations; however, the ongoing increase in temperature is helping with ammonia removal. The WWTP will be going through a Spring transition for the next several months and could experience more violations, although typically to a lesser degree.

▪ **IDEM Agreed Order; WWTP**

- H.J. Umbaugh: Prepared new rate tables that reflect Rural Development (RD) 40-year terms vs. State Revolving Fund (SRF) 20-year terms; the tables also reflect the possibility of receiving a "State & Tribal Assistance Grant" of \$500,000.

▪ **IDEM Agreed Order; CSL Sewer Collection System**

- "Collection System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Plan" (CSERP) due July 2006. In progress...
  - Still coordinating a meeting with Airvac, Inc., Commonwealth Engineering, Inc., and JNRU: *Airvac, Inc. will provide technical expertise on troubleshooting the vacuum portion of the sewer collection system.*

▪ **Phase I Sewer Expansion Project**

• H.J. Umbaugh:

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• County Commissioners:

- JNRU Board members attended a representative meeting on March 1, 2006 at 6:00PM with County officials. This meeting brought JNRU and County officials closer together in their understandings of the joint effort needed to address the need for wastewater/septic system improvement projects in Jennings County. The next planned step is to draft a joint letter to the State outlining JNRU/County concerns that must be addressed in order for successful projects to be completed.

• Friends of Muskatatuck River Society (FMRS)

- Delmar Subdivision, request for release so that North Vernon can assist this community that is desperately in need of sanitary sewers.
  - *Ed Whitaker has requested that Mary Ann Gay contact North Vernon to request a written official position on their intentions to provide sewer service outside of their corporate limits prior to approving or disapproving the Delmar request. (Agenda Item)*

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

- REMC and Hoosier Electric have completed their installations and field staffs are completing the final plumbing of the new vacuum pump. Final adjustments are currently being worked on, but the final claim should be processed and closed out over the next two weeks.

➤ **DOCUMENTS TO REMEMBER**

- Board Meeting minutes approval
  - **February 21, 2006:.....(Monthly meeting)**
- Claim Dockets
  - **February, 2006**
- DMR/MRO signatures
  - **February 2006 reports**