

Manager's Agenda

Board Meeting

April 17, 2006

➤ **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
 - *February 21, 2006* (Agenda Item)
 - *March 20, 2006 (NO QUORUM)*
- Monthly Financial Charts
 - *March 2006*
- Claim Dockets
 - *Month of March claims and transfers* (Agenda Item)
- Documents; Overhead Presentation
 - *Presentation of the WWTP's evolution from startup to present* (Agenda Item)
- Documents; Water/Sewer Rate Tables
 - *Updated Local Community Rates Table*
- Letter; Mark Dove (On behalf of the County Commissioners)
 - *March 20, 2006 letter expressing the County Commissioners' degree of support for sewer expansion projects within the JNRI District.*

➤ **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Common Water/Sewer Department Issues:
 - **1st Quarter Financial Charts**
 - 3% fewer customers than at this time last year.
 - I plan to coordinate a meeting with three board members (Ed, Dave and Tom initially) to discuss the following:
 - Financial charts and the rate study findings
 - Agreed Order; Hayden Community Sewers
 - Agreed Order; WWTP/CSL Project concerns and costs.
 - Phase I PER; Sewer Expansion Project
 - E.D.I.T tax funding through the County
 - Land application permit; Funding for sludge disposal
 - Field staffing; need for additional staff and supply funds as new rates are implemented in order to perform additional system improvements.

- **Alliance of Indiana Rural Water / Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)**
 - “Utility Board Training: Technical Capacity”:
 - Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:30PM at the library
 - “Utility Board Training: Financial Capacity”:
 - Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 6:30PM at the library
- **Mowing Quotes**
 - I spoke with Roger Morgan about mowing this year; he intends to continue mowing and performing land maintenance duties for the same price as quoted last year; therefore, with six (6) plus years of competitive quotes and good service from Morgan, I’ll not be requesting mowing quotes for the 2006 mowing season.
- Water Department
 - **Jennings Water, Inc. (JWI); UPDATE; Planned Rate Increases**
 - Reference March Agenda: No apparent protection from JWI’s perception that JNRU is obligated to be a JWI customer as long as JWI is indebted to Rural Development; although, JNRU’s legal council suggests that JNRU is not legally obligated to JWI even though JWI would probably try to legally stop any attempt by JNRU to acquire purchased water from another source, that is, ...if there were another source. JWI project bids will be opened on May 10, 2006, which the new rates will be based upon; Mamie Erickson, the manager, stated that “it will be at least two more months before the new rate is established”. She also made statements regarding the topics below:
 - Meeting attendance: “...you cannot attend unless you’re with a JNRU Director”, in which case “they may go into executive session”.
 - Meeting minutes: JWI “...will not provide copies, but the JWI board might entertain the idea of letting you review copies of minutes at our (JWI) office with a (JNRU) director”.
 - **Boil Water Advisory**
 - April 6-11, 2006: a “Boil Water Advisory” was issued for these dates due to a major water main break that put approximately 250 customers out of service for approximately three (3) hours; fluctuating water pressure from fire hydrant flushing prior to the main break may have contributed to the main break, but most definitely resulted in additional flushing to clear the water lines of unsettled fine particles in the water after repairs were made.

- Sewer Department
 - **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**
 - “Ammonia” No Violations in March: The WWTP is still going through a spring transition and could continue to experience more violations.
 - **IDEM Agreed Order; WWTP**
 - Reference March Agenda: 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.
 - Meeting (above) to discuss the following:
 - Potential for the EQ Basin liner to fail: this is imminent; eventually the liner will fail catastrophically and halt our ability to treat and discharge from the facility. Remember, both SBR liners have already failed.
 - The possibility of project cost savings by eliminating the heat exchangers from the project.
 - **IDEM Agreed Order; CSL Sewer Collection System**
 - Collection System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Plan (CSERP); due July 2006. In progress...
 - Meeting with Airvac, Inc., Commonwealth Engineering, Inc., and JNRU on April 25, 2006: *Airvac, Inc. will provide technical expertise on troubleshooting the vacuum portion of the sewer collection system.*
 - **Phase I Sewer Expansion Project**
 - County Commissioners:
 - The County Commissioners have provided a letter of support indicating the following:
 - Their appreciation for the Board’s hard work toward achieving affordable sewage treatment costs; and,
 - Their support toward the Board’s continued efforts in obtaining forgiveness of the debt from the State of Indiana, in which case the Commissioner’s would require homeowners to repair their failed septic systems, connect to the JNRU system, or abandon their system completely.
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- Friends of Muscatatuck River Society (FMRS) are again requesting that the Board sign a release for the Delmar Subdivision so that North Vernon will assist this community that is desperately in need of sanitary sewers.
 - *Ed Whitaker has requested (last month) 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)*
- Deannexation of phase I:
 - Opportunity to modify existing petition to Deannex Hayden and include Phase I areas in the petition within the next week; must draft document and submit to IDEM.

➤ **DOCUMENTS TO REMEMBER**

- Board Meeting minutes approval
 - **February 21, 2006:..... (Monthly meeting)**
 - **March 20, 2006: (NO QUORUM)**
- Claim Dockets
 - **February, 2006**
 - **March 2006**
- DMR/MRO signatures
 - **March 2006 reports**