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Manager's Agenda

Board Meeting

October 15, 2007

➤ DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

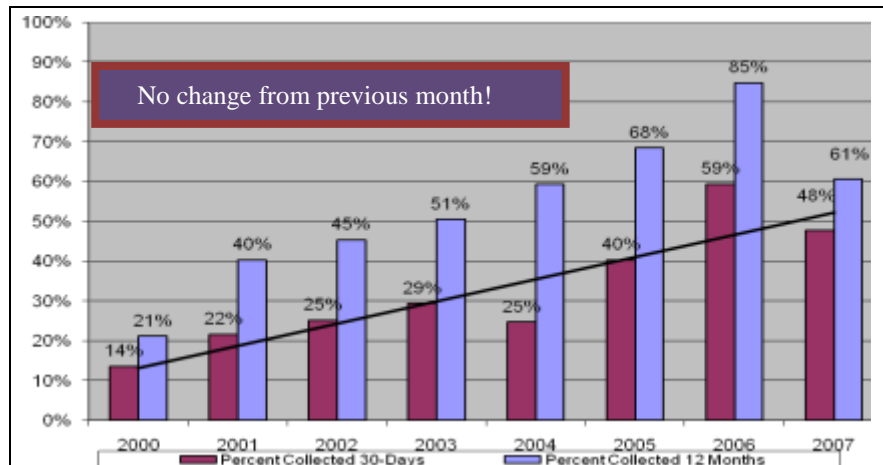
- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
 - *September 17, 2007, monthly* (Board Agenda)
- Claim & Transfer Dockets
 - *September 2007* (Board Agenda)
- Monthly Financial Charts
 - *September 2007* (Board Agenda)
- E-mail/Document; From the Manager to State Representative Dave Cheatham
 - *E-mail: Brief introduction and request for a meeting.*
 - *Document: "Financial Crisis" meeting outline.*
- E-mail; Don Mink (DW²) (Board Agenda)
 - *E-mail proposing diffused aeration solutions.*

➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

- Common Water/Sewer Department Issues:
 - **www.JNRU.org**
 - Recent updates/additions
 - "Manager's Reports" were edited for web publishing and are now accessible by clicking the "Manager Reports Archives" button. These reports/agendas cover board meetings from 2001 to the present.
 - "Engineering Reports" for the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion, Hayden Sewer Project, Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, and the CSL Sewer Collection System Project are now available online.
 - "IDEM Orders" addressing the original formation of the District, the Wastewater Treatment Plant / sewer collection system non-compliance issues, and the Hayden community's failing septic systems are also available for viewing on the website.



- “Ledger Reports” (financial) are now being published quarterly on the website; the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2007 are now available online, and the 3rd Quarter will be available online in a couple weeks.
- Upcoming Additions:
 - “Home Page”; the current *Home* page contains facts about JNRU and its website; this information will eventually be relocated to the navigational text list on the left-side of the screen so that recent/upcoming news-worthy activity can be presented here.
- **Utility Office Entrance Road**
 - Country Squire Lakes completed paving of the utility office access road between Country Manor and C.R. 300 North, as was their *Agreement* for using JNRU property and driveways for their new trash compactor site; work will be completed on Monday, October 15, 2007.
- **Availability Fees**
 - Collections thru LIENS; again, no significant difference in total collections, but we have confirmed that the County Treasurer has applied the recently recorded liens to the November 2007 tax bills.





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○ Water Department

▪ **Customers for lower purchased water rates...**

- Status remains the same..., we continue to hear that if Jennings Water, Inc. gets other large customers and negotiate a wholesale price for them that the new wholesale rate would then benefit JNRU customers.

○ Sewer Department

▪ **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**

- No Violations in September: the transfer of sewage flow from SBR #1 to SBR #2 went smoothly on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. The process to re-establish a high-quality effluent (discharge) will take at least a couple of weeks in order to meet National Pollution Disposal Elimination System (NPDES) permit limits; however, the cold temperatures may already be slowing recovery. Treated flows are being held in the lagoons until permit limits can be met or the lagoons are at full capacity (approximately 4 weeks).

▪ **IDEM Agreed Order; WWTP / CSERP**

- Pending funding to complete projects.

▪ **Grants; The process is ongoing ...**

- State Representative Dave Cheatham: Three board members and I met with Representative Cheatham on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the utility office to discuss some of JNRU's history and issues of concern; those issues being the financial and environmental crisis' faced by the District. Representative Cheatham clearly expressed his perspective on the District's "*extraordinary*" crisis-causing issues by stating that "*the State of Indiana is in the business of public service and not in the business of making money*", and then proposed a potential solution for the District's indebtedness as being "*the reduction or elimination of the interest charged on the State bonds owed by the District*". He planned to coordinate a meeting with Mr. Jim McGoff of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program in approximately two weeks to discuss his proposal.



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- U.S. Congressman Baron Hill, represented by Mrs. Jeanette Mount: Board Treasurer, David Brinkman and I met with Mrs. Mount at the utility office on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 to discuss the same issues and information shared with Representative Cheatham with our interest focused on getting Congressman Hill's support in requesting a grant from the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program. After hearing our concerns about the District's financial and environmental crisis', Mrs. Mount concluded the conversation by expressing concern for the "*Cost/Benefit Ratio*" and how difficult and lengthy, if not impossible, it would be to get our request past the U.S. Congress's Chairman; let alone the subsequent process of receiving approval from the U.S. Senate, then the subsequent joint-committee's approval and finally the approval from the President of the United States.
- State Revolving Fund (SRF) / Indiana Funding Agency (IFA) represented by Mr. Jim McGoff: I spoke with Mr. McGoff on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 to request an update from the State with regard to JNRU's request for financial relief, per the District/State meeting on August 6, 2007. He stated that he had no updates at the time, but does have meetings scheduled during the next few weeks to address District concerns and that he should have an update for JNRU's November board meeting. Mr. McGoff had not yet spoke with Representative Cheatham but planned to call him to schedule a meeting.
- Alliance of Indiana Rural Water (AIRW); represented by Jim Soper, Executive Director: Mr. Soper and I have a long history of working together on special projects through the AIRW and met again on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 to speak at length about the District's current state of affairs. I provided Mr. Soper with a similar packet of District information as was provided to others assisting with our pursuit of grants and debt relief and essentially walked him through it. Mr. Soper plans to carry our information to the ears of State and Federal Officials that he frequently has contact with in order to further our efforts.



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➤ **DOCUMENTS TO REMEMBER (Signed)**

- Board Meeting Minutes approval
 - **September 17, 2007:** (Monthly Meeting)
- Claim Dockets
 - **September 2007**
- DMR/MRO signatures
 - **September 2007 Reports**

