



**Utility Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Technology Center – 910 Technology Parkway**

**Meeting Called To Order at 3:00 P.M.**

- I. Roll Call** – Present: Bob Elliot (UAB Chair), Claude McKibben, Dan Carmichael, Joe Orlikowski, Richard Ohlinger, Dan Lundquist. A quorum of four was present.

**Also present:** Mayor Olson, City Manager Plyman, Scott Koteski (RMU), Adam Lanning (RMU), Jason Bird (RMU), Judy Witasik (RMU), Chris Cardott (COR), and Jarrod Johnson (RMU), Jason Anderson (COR), Jeff Leon (Press)

**II. Approval of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 UAB Minutes:**

**Motion Maker:** Mr. Carmichael

**Second:** Mr. McKibben

**Voice Vote:** Motion Carried

**III. Economic Development Update (Jason Anderson)**

Rail Expansion Plans: COR applied for a grant with the Economic Development Administration for infrastructure money for \$3.42 million. COR currently owns the right-of-way to extend the railway southward.

**IV. Water/Water Reclamation Update (Adam Lanning)**

a. Financial Update as of August given by Chris Cardott (See RMU website)

b. Water

i. Operations Report: Month of August produced a total of 97.6 million gallons. There were no main brakes.

ii. Well 12: New water tower is completed with the exception of the light at the top. A start-up is scheduled for the first week of October.

iii. Well 11: Negotiated a compliance commitment agreement to get off of restricted status with the EPA. Will continue sampling and if the radium level remains below the accepted level (5pCi/l. A



treatment plant may not be a requirement. The two samples taken to date have been under the allowable limit. However, as a result of the notice of violation, a restriction for system expansion is still in effect. It was RMU's decision to shut the well off. A treatment plant pilot study is continuing and Willet Hoffman & Associates was selected to design the plant.

c. Water Reclamation

- i. Operations Report: Treated 73.3 ml gals in August. 4 Met all parameters set by the EPA.
- ii. System 1 Sanitary Sewer: NICOR is finished and work was resumed on September 19<sup>th</sup>. More bedrock has been encountered than anticipated. Expect to be completed in the next month.
- iii. NPDES Permit Renewal Status: Currently on a 5 year permit cycle that allows for discharge into the river. Have applied for the new permit, and met the deadline, but they are running behind. Have received a draft permit with which they have added conditions regarding discharging phosphorus, tighter ammonia limits and C.M.O.M.
- iv. Caron Rd Peaker Plant Oil Water Separator Project: Water was leaking onto the ground that contained oil from the generators. Installed a water/oil separator in the building and then connected the discharge from the separator into our sewer. The soil and the groundwater were analyzed to make sure it wasn't contaminated. Removed the top layer of soil that had film on it and replaced it with clean soil. Tests were below State standards.
- v. City Works Computerized Maintenance Management: City Works has a GIS based work-order computer program. It will be integrated for the entire department of the city and is compatible with iOS and android. There is an annual maintenance fee for the software. It will meet the demands of CMOM.

**V. Advanced Communications (Scott Koteski)**

- a. Financial Update as of August: given by Chris Cardott (See RMU website)
- b. Data Center HVAC: An alarm went off due to condensation in the fire alarm conduits leaking into the data center. Ahern pulled two smoke detectors. Two units will have to be installed to keep the condensation down.



- c. NITT Update: The NITT will be completely dissolved and transitioned to another company. In exchange for the transfer of those assets the City Of Rochelle gained a 10 gigabyte circuit around the NITT. COR will still have a 10gig circuit available until the end of the fiber lease on the tollway.

#### **I. Electrical Enterprise Update (Jason Bird)**

- a. Financial Update as of July: given by Chris Cardott (See RMU website)
- b. Electric Unrestricted Cash Reserve Policy: (See UAB 9/21/2016 Agenda online for a copy)
- c. Hayes Rd Well Project Status: Waiting on the contractor to tell RMU when to hook up.
- d. School Avenue Lights: Ten (10) new lights up as agreed upon as a part of the Re-Branding Initiative. Will put more up next budget year.
- e. Bethel Rd 5kV Conversion: Currently working on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Rt. 251.
- f. Transformer Oil Testing: In October will be starting the maintenance program and will be testing the substation transformer oil every six months. Once that is completed, will be testing all of the breakers.
- g. Meter Testing: Will be finishing up in October. To date, have found \$200,000 in lost revenue.
- h. Mightyvine Phase II: Locates have been called. Mightyvine is looking to add another 4+ MWs load.
- i. CHS VR Install: Appointment next week to install a voltage regulator.
- j. Rochelle Foods Fire System Service: Due to growth they have redone their fire system. Waiting for them to inform RMU when to hook up electricity.
- k. Electric Generation: Stats for June: 9 run days, 3 peak shave days  
July: 17 run days, 16 peak shave days  
August: 10 run days, 6 peak shave days
- l. Cat Turbo Issues: Issues have been resolved and waiting to see who pays for what.
- m. Power Plant (9<sup>th</sup> St) Maintenance Program
- n. Cost of Service Study – Given by Chris Cardott ( see UAB 9/21/2016 agenda online for a copy)

#### **II. New Business**



- a. Reschedule November 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: Rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. This will tentatively replace the November 2016 meeting.

III. **Comments from the Public:** Mayor Olson commented on behalf of the public on the matter of RMU electric rates vs. competitor rates. He asked if we were competitive. Response: It is difficult to make this comparison, overall we remain competitive.

IV. **Comments from the Board:** n/a

**Motion to go into Executive Session: 4:16 p.m.**

**Motion Maker:** Mr. McKibben  
**Second:** Mr. Lundquist  
**Voice Vote:** Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted: Judith Witasik