



**Utility Advisory Board – Meeting  
September 19, 2018 at 3:00 pm  
Technology Center – 910 Technology Parkway**

**Meeting Called to Order: 3:00pm**

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Bob Elliot (UAB Chair), Joe Orlikowski, Richard Ohlinger, Dan Carmichael, and Claude McKibben. Dan Lundquist was absent. A quorum was present.

**Also present:** Jeff Fiegenschuh (City Manager), Chris Cardott (COR), Judy Witasik (RMU), Barb Bell (RMU), Jason Bird (RMU), Jason Anderson (COR), and Mayor Chet Olson.

**II. Approval of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 UAB Minutes**

Motion – To approve July 16, 2018 minutes

Maker – Joe Orlikowski

Second – Claude McKibben

Voice Vote – Motion Carried

**III. Advanced Communication Update (Jason Bird)**

- a. Financial Update as of July 2018 - Chris Cardott (see website)
- b. New Customers

**IV. Electrical Enterprise Update (Jason Bird)**

- a. Financial Update as of July 2018 - Chris Cardott (see website)
- b. Critical Peak Days  
There have been 22 critical peak days, anticipating 09/23/2018 will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> day.
- c. New Hire: Dustin Schafer – Comes to us from Kansas. He replaces Blake Tolliver who transferred to a new department.
- d. Purchase Power  
A new contract was negotiated for a significant savings. The contract will continue up to 20 years with chances to update the rate within the same contract.
- e. 5 KV Update

**V. Customer Service Update**

- a. Summer Saver Rate Savings  
Ends at the end of September, and customers who participated saved an average of \$25 per month.
- b. Bill Payment Amnesty  
Customers will be able to pay their past due bill and receive a 25% discount. The program will run through the month of November.



- c. Bill Review Meetings  
Jeff Fiegenschuh and Barbara Bell will be offering bill review meetings during evening hours with customers.
- d. Public Power Week (10/7 thru 10/13)  
We are going to recognize with a Proclamation, and a booth at the Hay Day for the public to visit. The objective is to educate customers more thoroughly on the services we provide.

#### **VI. Water/Water Reclamation Update (Adam Lanning)**

- a. Financial Update as of July 2018 - Chris Cardott (see website)
- b. Water
  - i. Operations Report  
Produced 83.9 million gallons.
  - ii. Well 10 (Southview)  
Construction has started. Hope to be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - iii. Well 11 (RTHS)  
In operation at the end of August. Suffered a lightning strike within first week and was out of commission for 3 days.  
Project completion done by end of September.  
A grand opening will be held in October.
  - iv. Well 12 (Hayes Rd)  
We entered into a compliance agreement with the IL EPA. Have two years to complete radium removal plant. Willett Hofmann is facilitating this project, and construction will start in summer of 2019, and expected to be completed by spring of 2020.
  - v. Well 4 (9<sup>th</sup> St Diesel Plant)  
In need of rehabilitation. It is currently in a location that is too small. The new well be located at the south east corner of Washington & Second. The building will house a training/planning meeting room. It will also provide a modern appeal for downtown. Construction will start in 2019 and should be completed by November 2019.
  - vi. Manganese Issue  
Filtration of manganese was disrupted causing discoloration. The system was flushed so the customer supply would not be tainted. IEPA indicated the water was safe to drink after the fact. As a result, we will give each residential customer a \$4 credit on their bill.
- c. Water Reclamation
  - i. Operations Report  
Treated 77.6 million gallons with a daily average flow of 2.5 MG. All test results fell within IEPA guidelines.
  - ii. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades



Baxter Woodman is designing multiple upgrades to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding comes from low-interest financing through IEPA. Construction will start in fall 2019, and it will be completed by 2022.

iii. Manhole Lining Project

LMK Technologies completed lining of 14 brick manholes which are all over 75 years old. Two of the manholes must be raised to grade which will be completed in a few weeks.

iv. Meadowbrook Sewer Lining Project

Through a grant awarded to the city in the amount of \$284,652 from IL Dept. Of Commerce & Economic Opportunity we will rehab approx. 4500 of sanitary sewer via Sunnymeade, Short Court, Fairview, and Springdale. Insituform Technologies was awarded the bid @ \$225,998.90. The project will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete.

**VII. New Business**

C.I. P. (City Improvement Plan) to be reviewed.

**VIII. Comments from the Public**

n/a

**IX. Comments from the Board**

n/a

**X. Adjournment 4:00 pm**

Motion: Joe Orlikowski

Second: Claude McKibben

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

**Respectfully Submitted by Judy Witasik**