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January 12, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso City Utilities met at the Valparaiso City Utilities Board Room, 205 Billings Street, Valparaiso, Indiana on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President David Bengs, Secretary Lori Ferngren, Treasurer Mark Thiros and Assistant Secretary Kurt Minko. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Attorney Mike Langer, Controller Alina Hahn, Administrative Assistant Peggy Busse, Customer Service & Billing Manager Jordan Meinert, Water Operations Manager Shihua Chen, C&D Manager Mark Geskey and Deputy Engineer Adam McAlpine.

- The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The Board reviewed and approved the submitted claims.
- The Board approved the November 2015 Financials which were presented by Alina Hahn.
- Steve Poulos requested approval of the Horseprairie Lift Station Final Change Order #2 as requested by DLZ, Indiana. Additional excavation was necessary due to an existing leak in the force main. The change order reflected the increase for this repair in the amount of \$31,059.53 bringing this project in at a \$7,293.89 increase from the original contract amount of \$607,000. The VCU Board approved Final Change Order #2.
- Steve presented the agreements for the Pierce Farm Modified Utility Easements. The agreements were reviewed and approved by Attorney Langer. The expense incurred due to these modifications will be reflected as a reduction in the final engineering costs of the Water Project. The modified utility agreements were approved by the board.

In Staff Reports:

- Shihua Chen reported that the Water Project is 70% complete. He is anticipating a 3-6 month timeline for completion of the project.
- Jordan Meinert updated the board on the final water/sewer rate increase which went into effect January 1, 2016. Information notifying customers of this final increase has been posted on the Utilities' website as well as noted on the latest billing statements.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

January 26, 2016



Dave Bengs, President



Lori Ferngren, Secretary