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**VALPARAISO CITY UTILITIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES**



**February 23, 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, February 23, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members present were: President David Bengs, Vice President Mike Sur, Secretary Lori Ferngren, Assistant Secretary Kurt Minko, and Treasurer Mark Thiros. Also present were staff members: Utilities Director Steve Poulos, Attorney Mike Langer, Controller Alina Hahn, Administrative Assistant Peggy Busse, Environmental Compliance Administrator Ed Pilarski, Wastewater Operations Manager Paul Scott, VCU Maintenance Manager Frank McGinley, C&D Manager Mark Geskey, Water Systems & Program Administrator Shaun Shifflett, Water Operations Manager Shihua Chen, Fleet Manager Jeff Van Syoc, and Deputy Engineer Adam McAlpine.

- The minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The Board reviewed and approved the submitted claims.
- Steve Poulos presented a spreadsheet comparison of proposed 2016 VCU vehicle purchases and trade-ins. The following purchases were approved by the VCU Board:
  - 1/2 Ton 4WD Pick-Up (C&D) - Grieger's \$21,946.00
  - 1 Ton Pick-Up with 9' Dump (C&D)- Team Chevy \$24,656.00
  - 1 Ton Pick-Up with 9' Dump (C&D) - Paul Sur \$23,108.00
  - 3/4 Ton 4x4 Pick-Up (Water) - Paul Sur \$26,878.26
  - 1/2 Ton Pick-Up (Meter/Backflow) - Currie Motors \$24,331.36
  - Mini-Van (WRD Lab/Pretreatment) - Griegers \$19,662.00
  - SUV (WRD WW Operations) - Griegers \$20,370.00

Proposed purchases total \$160,951.62. CIP budgeted amount for these vehicles totaled \$207,000. The Board approved the purchase of these vehicles with Mike Sur abstaining from the vote.

- Frank McGinley requested approval of lift station generator monitoring equipment. The proposal consisted of hardware and programming in the amount of \$5,730 along with a text messaging option for the on-call phone at a cost of \$1,680 from Automation & Control Services to update the existing SCADA system. Working in conjunction with Automation & Control Services will be the installation of electronic monitoring system panels in the lift stations by MacAllister in the amount of \$8,068.00. Total cost of the project will be \$15,478. Funding for this exists in the 2016 CIP Lift Station Budget. The VCU Board approved the purchases from both Automation & Control Services and MacAllister.
- In Staff Reports, Shihua Chen presented the Board with the 2015 Indiana Dept. of Health Certificate of Microbiology Award recently received by the Water Treatment Laboratory. This certificate allows VCU's Water Treatment laboratory to conduct bacterial testing in house which saves both time and money.
- Steve Poulos reported on the recent service line break at Valparaiso High School.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:**  
March 8, 2016

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Dave Bengs, President

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Lori Ferngren, Secretary

*Kurt Minko, Asst. Secretary*