

May 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Department of Water Works was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Main Office of the Department of Water Works, 532 Franklin Street.

A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Behrendt, Mrs. Pishkur, Ms. Gonzales, and Mr. Bush. Mr. Sperling was absent. Also present were Acting Superintendent Chris Johnsen, and Accountant Chris Wolfe. Mr. Behrendt presided.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Ms. Gonzales the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur the Approval of Claims dated May 25, 2021 through May 28, 2021 was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the list of 3 purchase orders was presented and approved by the Board.

Mr. Wolfe gave a general overview of the April 2021 Financial Statements. Upon a motion by Mrs. Pishkur, seconded by Mr. Bush, the April 2021 Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen presented a memo to the Board relating to the retirement of the Distribution Superintendent, Mr. Tim Gulstrom. Mr. Gulstrom's last day working will be May 28, 2021, and his last day on payroll after using his vacation time will be June 29, 2021. Acting Superintendent Johnsen recommended that Dave Pahl be promoted to fill this position and receive a pay increase as well. Upon a motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, the Board approved Acting Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation, and Mr. Pahl's increase will begin on Monday June 28, 2021.

It was also recommended to the Board that we look to promote from within for the replacement of Mr. Pahl's position as Distribution Foreman. Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Board Approved Acting Superintendent Johnsen's recommendation.

Under old business:

Acting Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the Lave Avenue main installation.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the water main extension by LaPorte County South of I-94.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen updated the Board on the Lead Line project and American Recover Act information.

Under new business:

Acting Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board that along with Mayor Duane Parry's request to add a bill insert to be mailed out to our customers that we have also received a request from CASA and the LaPorte County Emergency Management to have an insert added. Upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the Board approved both inserts to be sent out separately after Mayor Parry's inserts are completed.

Acting Superintendent Johnsen advised the Board of the NW District AWWA Webinar on Friday,

June 4, 2021 that 4 employees will be attending.

There was no public comment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mrs. Pishkur, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.