

WATER BOARD MEETING  
MAY 17, 2011  
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Storie, Board President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT** - Board President Chuck Storie, Board Members; Tony Higginbotham, John Wall, Frank Massey and Robin Meyer; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office, and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

**ABSENT** –

The Minutes of the April 19, 2011 Water Board Meeting were approved.

1. **DUMP TRUCK** – Rick Denney presented a proposal to replace the Water Dept's 1995 white Model 1954 International dump truck. He stated the purchase of a new dump truck is in the Water Capital Improvement Plan. (Rick mentioned we also need to be looking at a new backhoe, which was purchased in 1994, as well.) The dump truck they use has a bad engine and the clutch is adjusted all the way out. They have been borrowing the Street Departments when one is needed. A 2005 International 4300 Automatic Transmission (Allison 2100) was found through Shirk's. It will need additions of a 10' steel telescopic body package, a PTO for automatic transmission and be painted white. The total selling package is \$30,750.00 with \$6,000.00 credit for the trade of the 1995 International, total price being \$24,750.00. Frank asked what the truck is worth as it stands and the response was \$18,500.00 by Shirk's sales rep Don Binney. Rick stated it isn't that big of a deal to borrow from the Street Dept but he doesn't want to put any more money in the one we have. **Robin made motion and second by Tony to approve the purchase from Shirk's for \$24,750.00. All ayes and passed.**

Rick mentioned the CCR reports will be going out the end of June. John asked if everything was okay. Rick stated he had 2 repeat testing on bacteria and that it is a very sensitive test. That you could breathe on it and it could fail. The 2 positives were in the same location and noted that it was a bad sampling site and the State said to change it. He said that 80% of the communities have a fail.

2. **SCOTT CHASTEEN** – Scott is placing a new Weather Siren in the Honda TIF area and requested permission to place it at the Upland Reservoir by the pump house for the following reasons: the reservoir is a controlled environment, he would not need to purchase easements, and the siren's 1 ½-2 mile radius would cover recently annexed property, the town of Adams, and possibly cover St. Paul. It is battery operated with a trickle charge so he will need a 50-75' pole with electric (REMC will be the provider). Darren Burkhart stated there is a radio read on the tower at Flatrock and mentioned they need to make sure it wasn't on the same frequency. Scott stated it will be running on Fire Channel 2 -154 range. **Motion was made by John and second by Robin to approve the placement of the Weather Siren at Upland Reservoir, all ayes and motion carried.**

3. **DNR REPORT** – Rick reported the State came down and they couldn't walk the whole Flatrock property due to water standing. He said it is ready to be logged and asked if it was ok to contact a forester. There are options as to how the board would want to pursue it. You can log it to take certain trees out every 15 years or so. Rick's opinion was to log it now, and then in 15 years do it again. Robin asked how much a study would cost. Rick thought a private consultant usually gets 10% of the sale. Rick said you get 3 times more by using a forester, according to the state. Scott Chasteen added it would be protection having a contract through a forester while logging. Chuck asked if the people renting the tillable ground, Holland's, were on board with it and Rick said Mr. Holland was actually with him and the State when they walked the property and he was ok with it. Rick stated we will have to get in on the backside of the 140 acres. Chuck asked if the loggers clean up after themselves and Rick stated no. **John made motion and Frank seconded to go ahead with it, all eyes and passed.**

4. **HNTB UPDATE** – Darren Burkhart reported on the Raw Water Line. He stated Infrastructure pulled off the job April 5<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather and just showed up Monday and it is raining again. He said there will be an additional change order next month. He said that Infrastructure has crews here working for Rural Water so it might work to our advantage in getting the final punch-list items completed. The line is in service.

**MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD** – The Mayor was not in attendance.

Donna stated the Water Meter RFP committee was supposed to bring their recommendation to the board this month but decided to give all four companies the opportunity to present their product. She gave the board the agenda for presentations and invited all interested to attend. The committee will report in June.

Donna went over the financial report for April 2011 and stated the Water Company was not able to make transfers in March or April. April showed a loss of \$26,993.90. John mentioned the 4 month average showed a profit of \$32,990.99 which Donna concurred that is good. She stated there were no unusual expenses in the month of April, but noted April having 5 pays had an affect on the expense side.

With nothing more to come before the board, Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Donna M. Lecher  
 Water Office Manager

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