The Utility Service Board met Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., in the board room at the service center at 1111 McClure Road chaired by Clayton Force. Other board members present were: Greg Lacy and Cheryl McAvoy. Also present were: Keith Reeves, Director; Dale Langferman, Manager of Finance & Business Operations; Ed Bergsieker, Manager of Engineering; Garry Pugh, Manager of Wastewater Operations; Melinda Burton, Executive Administrative Assistant; Tim Shuffett, City Council Liaison; and Stanley Gamso, Attorney.

VISITORS

Jason Chopp, Strand & Associates; and Pat Zaharako, Columbus resident.

MINUTES

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve the minutes from May 16, 2013, as prepared. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

BID DELAY

Keith Reeves reported that the bid opening for the demolition and closure of the old wastewater treatment facility on Water Street has been postponed. The original date was scheduled for June 12 and is being postponed to June 25. This delay has occurred due to the amount of sludge that remains in various tanks being underestimated. A meeting was planned with Merrell Brothers, a sludge disposal specialist, to determine how much of a delay this issue will cause.

WALESBORO LIFT STATION AND FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT A – FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Installation of the above referenced project is complete. The project was constructed in compliance with plans and specifications prepared by GRW Engineers. All necessary tests and inspections were performed under the direction of GRW inspectors during construction.

The original contract with Bowen Engineering was $2,297,292, and was adjusted to $2,303,107 after previously approved change orders. This was a net increase of $5,725, or 0.25%.

Staff recommended acceptance of the project and authorize release of the contractor's retainage.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve the Walesboro Lift Station and Forcemain Replacement project and authorize release of the retainage. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

WALESBORO SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, CONTRACT B – CHANGE ORDER #5

Change Order #5 was presented for this project. The change order was necessary due to final quantity adjustments between as-bid and as-built conditions in the field. The change order was for a net increase in the original Contract B for $5,835, which represented an increase in the project scope of 0.68% of the original contract. Through all five change orders, the contract had a net increase of $27,915.75, or 3.1% overall.

Staff recommended approval of Change Order #5.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve Change Order #5 for the Walesboro Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Contract B project. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

WALESBORO SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, CONTRACT B – FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Installation of the above referenced project is complete. The project was constructed in compliance with plans and specifications prepared by GRW Engineers. All necessary tests and inspections were performed under the direction of GRW inspectors during construction.

The original contract with Miller Pipeline LLC was $860,521.55, and was adjusted to $887,537.30 by previously approved change orders. Through five change orders, the contract had a net increase of $27,015.75, or 3.14%.

Staff recommended acceptance of the project and authorize release of the contractor's retainage.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve the Walesboro Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Contract B project and authorize release of the contractor's retainage. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MCCULLOUGH'S RUN, BLOCK H – FINAL ACCEPTANCE

CCU engineering department observed the water and sewer facilities being installed; provided on-site inspection during construction; obtained all necessary "as-built" information; and conducted all necessary tests. The project was constructed in compliance with plans and specifications prepared by E.R. Gray & Associates for Kocolene Development Corporation of Seymour. Staff has received the Tender of Donation and a Maintenance Bond.

Staff recommended acceptance of the project.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to accept the sewer extension for McCullough's Run, Block H. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

VERIZON LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

Keith Reeves and Stan Gamso presented the First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement with Southern Indiana RSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. The board approved and signed the original agreement in March 2013. Due to changes required by the Planning Department, an amendment was required.

Staff, along with Stan Gamso recommended approval of the amendment as presented.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement with Southern Indiana RSA Limited Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless as presented. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

INTERNAL BIOSOLIDS STUDY

Keith Reeves provided an update on the alternative biosolids management program. Staff has been evaluating options once it was learned that removing the biosolids would cost more than what had been budgeted. The study is not yet complete, but he presented several alternatives that are currently being studied by staff.

No action.

ETHICAL CONDUCT CODE

Clayton Force brought to attention that the City Council passed Resolution No. 8 on May 7, 2013. The Resolution addresses the ethical conduct code for City officials, councillors, employees, appointees to councils, boards, commissions, committees and offices of the City of Columbus. City Council liaison, Tim Shuffett reported that the Council chose to adopt a resolution instead of passing an ordinance since there has been no history of wrong doing. Training will be forthcoming.

No action.

CLAIMS

The June wastewater claims were presented for approval.

Cheryl McAvoy made the motion to approve the June wastewater claims. Greg Lacy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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FINANCE REPORT

The financial written report was presented.

MANAGER OF ENGINEERING REPORT

The Engineering written report was presented.

MANAGER OF WASTEWATER OPERATIONS REPORT

The Wastewater Operations written report was presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's written report was presented.

JULY MEETING

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., in the board room at the Service Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Clayton Force, Vice Chairman
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

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Greg Lacy, Secretary
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