

TUESDAY MAY 23, 2023 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

Chair	Gary Brumbaugh		
Attendees	BOB STUTZMAN Diane Clerk/Secretary Karl Cender Rod Waldron	Brad Smith DONN NEFF KENNY JONES JR Thomas B. Astbury	Dave Hollenbeck Eric Cender Robin Loucks
Absent	Josh Koontz		

▶ OPEN MEETING

Gary Brumbaugh

▶ Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

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▶ WELCOME CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

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▶ BRUCE BREEDEN & BRAD SMITH & DAB BYAM

▶ BRUCE BREEDEN IS WITH THE ELEMOM ENERGY:

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- ▶ HE LOOKED OVER THE THREE QUOTES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT. PROPOSAL THAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED TO DAVE AND ROBIN AND GARY. 176 KW DC IS WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING. THREE LEVEL SIZES OR ROWS THAT THEY WOULD SUGGEST. \$25 PER LINAR FOOT. ONCE IT IS IN WILL NOT NEED TO DO WITH ANYTHING FOR 25 YEARS. GRAPH IN BLUE IS WHAT WE CURRENTLY USE. NEVER GET A CHECK FROM THE UTILITY CO ONLY CREDITS PER MONTH. WE ARE PAYING 13.9 CENTS PER KWH. \$343,415.00 IS THE INITAL CAPEX. SOLAR PANELS WILL DEGRATE ABOUT 4.7% A YEAR. TOTAL PROJECT IN 7 YEARS. SAVE TAXPAYERS \$1,036,226.69. ANTICIPATE BIDS TO COME IN A LITTLE UNDER \$300,000.00. ELEMOM DOES ALL THE ENGINEERING. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CREATING BIDS TO BE PUBLISHED. PRE BID MEETING. WALK SITE AFTER THE MEETING. HAVE TO GIVE BIDDERS TEN DAYS IN BETWEEN PUBLICATIONS. THEY WILL HAVE SOMEONE UP HERE THE DURATION SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS THEY WILL HAVE SOMEONE UP HERE TO MANAGE THE PROJECT. ONCE NIPSCO IS HERE AND INSPECTS IT; WILL SHUT THE SYSTEM DOWN FOR ABOUT 10 TO 15 MINUTES AND THEN WILL TURN ALL BACK ON. SIZE OF TRANSFORMER ON THE POLE IS A CONCERN WITH THEIR ENGINEER. IF WE HAVE TO UP GRADE THE TRANSFORMER; THAT WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE DISTRICT. THERE IS A MANUAL DISCONNECT. NO POWER FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM TO GO INTO NIPSCO'S. ROD WANTED TO KNOW HOW THEIR FEES ARE IN THIS PROJECT. 15.4%; NUMBER OF HOURS, ENGINEER. WE WILL CHOOSE THE COMPANY. THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AND REGISTERED HERE. TWO COPIES ARE TO BE KEPT AT THIS OFFICE. THEN THEY WILL COME BACK WITH THEIR SUGGESTIONS TO THE DISTRICT. 5% PERFORMANCE BOND WHEN THE BIDS ARE TURNING IN. THEY NEED TO SIGN PROPER DOCUMENTATION. GARY STATED THAT HE WOULD WANT IT ALL TO BE DONE AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING.
- ▶ INFLATION REDUCTION ACT. WE WOULD RECEIVE A 30% REFUND CHECK TO THE DISTRICT. ELEMOM HAS TALKED WITH CENDER AND CO AND FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WOULD HAVE TO FILE TAX FORMS WITH THE IRS. BY THE COUNTY. WE COULD QUALIFY FOR 70% REIMBURSEMENT. DON ASKED IF THE DOMESTIC ASSEMBLED AMERICAN MADE. LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; HE HAS HEARD NOTHING ABOUT WARRANTIES. THE WARRANTIES HAVE 25 YEAR WARRANTY. PANELS ARE WARRANTED FOR 15 YEARS. PANELS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE GOOD FOR 35 YEARS. NASA CREATED THE SOLAR PANELS. THEY WILL ONLY SPEC A LEVEL ONE PANEL. THEY JUST COMPLETED THE PAPERWORK FOR WARSAW'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.
- ▶ QUOTE WAS SENT TO DAVE AND GARY FOR APPROVAL. THAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BEGIN WORKING ON THIS. GARY ASKED DAVE IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO ADD. DAVE HAS BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH BRUCE AND HIS COMPANY AND THEIR PERFORMANCE. DAVE RECOMMENDED IF THE DISTRICT WAS TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT THAT TELEMON ENERGY TO GO FORWARD. AND TO APPOINT A PERSON, SUCH AS GARY TO HEAD THIS PROJECT. FROM LEGAL PERSPECTIVE; NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO GO FORWARD WITH. KARL STATED THAT UNTIL THE IRS DOES NOT HAVE THE FORMS AVAILABLE; BRUCE BELIEVES THAT THE IRS WILL HAVE THE FORMS AVAILABLE BY DEC. 31.

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- ▶ ROD MAKES MOTION TO PROCEED WITH TELEMON.

CARRIED

Moved by Rod Waldron, Seconded by Robin Loucks

- ▶ DAVE REQUESTED A SIGNED CONTRACT TO BE FORWARDED TO HIM. DAVE WILL ADD THE SENTENCE. SIGN THE WHOLE CONTRACT. DIANE PLEASE FORWARD SIGNED COPY TO DAVE (AND KARL).
- ▶ DAVE QUESTIONED THE DISPOSAL OF USED SOLAR PANELS; IF THEY HAVE PANEL WARRANTED; SEND PANEEL BACK TO SUPPLIER THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO SEND IT TO THE RECYCLER CENTER.
- ▶ THEY DO FENCE THE PANELS AND WILL TIE INTO THE EXISTING FENCE.

▶ **NPCD ATTORNEY**

Dave Hollenbeck

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- ▶ MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2023 IN COMPLIANCE? DAVE STATED BOARD STATED MINUTES ARE IN COMPLIANCE
 - ▶ SOLAR ENERGY BETWEEN BRUCE AND GARY, GREAT PROJECT.
 - ▶ CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING - STILL PENDING.
 - ▶ JPR LIFT STATION; DAVE HAS LOOKED OVER THEIR REPORT.
 - ▶ COVID ENDING. MAY 11TH. OFFICIAL ENDING OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. IMPLICATIONS; ALL THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDERS ENDED MAY 11TH; ONE OF THOSE BEING HOLDING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS. IT WAS INSERTED INTO ANOTHER LAW THAT THE CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS CAN CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ELECTRONIC MEETINGS.
 - ▶ JPR STATED THAT IN REGARDS TO HIS REPORT; IF THEY WANT TO ROLL THIS INTO AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. WHAT ARE THE DOLLAR LIMITS. IF THEY ARE OVER \$250.00; \$150,000 FOR THE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

▶ **CENDER & CO. - NPCD CPA**

Karl Cender

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- ▶ FINANCIALS APRIL 2023 - REVIEWED THE FINANCIALS; NO ISSUES IDENTIFIED. COLLECTIONS DOING WELL.
 - ▶ BANK REC APRIL 2023
 - ▶ REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO THE AUDITING PROCESS WITH SBS PORTALS; LOOK TO SEE IF THE AUDIT TRAIL IS ACCEPTABLE. HE WILL LOOK INTO IT IN THE MONTH OF JUNE.
 - ▶ JUNE BALANCES WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED. THEY WILL FOLLOW SCHEDULE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST WITH THE PRELIM BUDGET TO THE BOARD IN JULY, PUBLIC HEARING AUG, AND ADOPTION IN SEPTEMBER.

▶ **JPR - NPCD ENGINEER**

KENNY JONES JR

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- ▶ JPR WENT OUT TO THREE DIFFERENT LIFT STATION SITES. BOY-SCOUT CABIN, US 6; AND MEANDERING MEADOWS. EVALUATED THE PUMPS, DRAW DOWN TESTS, ETC.
 - ▶ BOY SCOUT; RECOMMEND TO FLOW AT LEAST 1.7 GPM. CONVERT THE EXISTING SIMPLE GRINDER STATION TO A DUPLEX GRINDER STATION. INSTALL NEW PUMPS, BASE ELBOWS, AND GUIDE RAILS, INSTALL NEW PVC PIPE, FITTINGS AND VALVES, AND INSTALL NEW CONTROL PANEL. CURRENTLY OPERATING BELOW FLOW RATE. QUOTED BARNES PUMPS ON BOY SCOUT CABIN. DONN ASKED IF THERE WAS A SHUT OFF SWITCH ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE LIFT STATION. DONN SAID THE SHUT OFF SWITCH ON THE INSIDE IS NOT WORKING.

- ▶ US 6 & SR 15; INSTALL NEW PUMPS, BASE ELBOWS AND GUIDE RAILS, INSTALL NEW CAST/ DUCTILE IRON PIPING, FITTINGS, AND VALVES IN WET WELL AND VALVE VAULT AND INSTALL NEW CONTROL PANEL AND LEVEL CONTROL SYSTEM. CONCRETE WET WELL EXCELLENT CONDITION. EXTEND JPR'S RECOMMENDATION DIFFERS FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS. FIRST FUSED DR 11 HDPE PIPING AND FITTINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR USE IN THE WET WELL, AND VALVE VAULT PIPING DRAMATICALLY. POLETHYLENE BALL VALVES. ASTBURY RECOMMENDED THE CONTROL PANEL BEING REPLACED. PUMPS ARE SHOWING SLOW FLOW RATE. RECOMMEND MOVING THE CONTROL PANEL TO A SAFER PLACE.
- ▶ MEANDERING MEADOWS; HAS A LARGE DIFFERENCE IN THE OPERATING FLOW RATE. THEY TEXTED THIS TWICE TO RULE OUT ERROR. JPR USED PUMP TO PUMP DOWN SEWAGE BEFORE THEY RAN THEIR TESTS. PUMP 2 PUMPED FASTER. OVERTEMP ALARMS WENT OFF AND DID NOT SET THE ALARMS OFF. DAN STATED THAT THEY PUT IN 2 PUMPS IN 2015 THE NO CLOG PUMPS. BARNES PUMP KEPT CLOGGING; SO THEY INSTALLED DIFFERENT PUMPS. JPR WOULD CONFER THAT THE CONTROL PANELS BE REPLACED. DAN STATED THAT THEY WILL DO TWO DRAW DOWNS TO DOUBLE CHECK THE PUMPS.
- ▶ DAN WITH JPR WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM DAN AT ASTBURY TO SEE WHAT THEIR FINDINGS WERE ON MEANDERING MEADOWS AND THEN REDO THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. IF THEY REPLACE CONTROL PANEL; THEN CAN UPDATE PUMPS IN ANOTHER FIVE TO TEN YEARS.
- ▶ GARY ASKED HOW THE LOCATES WITH JPR IS WORKING DIANE STATED GOOD.
- ▶ ROBIN ASKED WHAT THE COSTS OF REDOING THE THREE LIFT STATIONS AS RECOMMENDED. SO WE ARE OVER \$150K WOULD ALSO REQUIRE AN IDEM CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.

▶ **PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT**

Robin Loucks

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CARRIED

Moved by Rod Waldron, Seconded by DONN NEFF

- ▶ DEPOSIT TRACING
- ▶ INVESTMENTS
- ▶ FENCING MATERIALS

▶ **REVIEW AND OR APPROVE APRIL 25, 2023 BOARD MINUTES**

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▶ **ASTBURY WATER TECHNOLOGIES GROUP - PLANT OPERATIONS**

Josh Koontz

- ▶ OPERATIONS REPORT WITH ROBIN OPPOSING THE MOTION DUE TO NOT RECEIVING THE MATERIALS IN A TIMELY FASHION.

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Moved by DONN NEFF, Seconded by Rod Waldron

- ▶ IDEM INSPECTION. GARY TALKED TO JOSH AND IN MAY WE HAD A VIOLATION OF AMONIA IN MAY. SHE LIKED THE WAY THE PLANT WAS LOOKING. THE OUTFALL; SHE COULDN'T DRIVE HER CAR BACK; SO THEY DROVE THE PICK UP BACK.
- ▶ SMART CABINetry THE TESTING DOWN THERE. THE COU CALCULATES A LARGE AMOUNT OF COU AND BOD'S. THEIR PERMIT FROM IDEM DOESN'T LIST LIMITS. ASTBURY WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO PUT LIMITS IN THE AMOUNTS.



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▶ **FINANCIAL CLERK/SECRETARY REPORT**

Diane Clerk/Secretary

- ▶ FC/SEC REPORT GARY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO 26. THAT IF SHE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE DRIVING IN CALL BOARD MEMBER OR POLICE.

CARRIED	Moved by Robin Loucks, Seconded by Rod Waldron
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- ▶ REGISTER OF CLAIMS APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

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- ▶ VOUCHER REGISTER
- ▶ A/R RECEIPTS
- ▶ PAST DUE REVIEW
- ▶ CERTIFIED LIENS
- ▶ CUSTOMER ISSUES

- ▶ MOTION TO REPLACE OUTSIDE FLAG

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- ▶ TO CHANGE EDU EVALUATIONS TO THE THIRD QUARTER; AND THEN BILL CUSTOMER'S IN THE ANNUAL BILLINGS

CARRIED	Moved by Robin Loucks, Seconded by Gary Brumbaugh
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- ▶ OFFICE INTERIORS APPROVED BY BOARD TO PAY OLD INVOICE.

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▶ **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gary Brumbaugh

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▶ **NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Brumbaugh

- ▶ BUCKEYE POWER GENERATOR QUOTE
- ▶ EVIDENCE OF RODENTS IN TURTLE TOP GENERATOR WE HAVE NOT USED YET.
- ▶ PORTABLE GENERATOR GENERAC EVAPAR OUT OF FT WAYNE.

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▶ **ADJOURNMENT**

Gary Brumbaugh

▶ THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8:39 P.M.

CARRIED

Moved by Robin Loucks, Seconded by Rod Waldron

▶ **THE NEXT NPCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NPCD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON JUNE 27, 2023. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.**

Gary Brumbaugh

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NOT YET HEARD

▶ **PLEASE SIGN BELOW YOUR PRINTED NAME OF**

Diane Clerk/Secretary

Remarked by Gary Brumbaugh

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Remarked by Rod Waldron

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Remarked by Robin Loucks

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Remarked by BOB STUTZMAN

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Remarked by DONN NEFF

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▶ **Attested by Diane Smith, Financial Clerk/Secretary**

Remarked by Diane Clerk/Secretary

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