

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Memorandum

Mr. Mills called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Carl Mills, Vice President Jeff Kimbell, Treasurer Jane Merrill, Secretary Michael McDonald, members, Steve Pittman, Eric Hand, Chuck Ryerson, Amanda Foley, and Jeff Hill. Others in attendance were, Legal Counsel Anne Poindexter, Utility Director Andrew Williams, Engineering Manager Wes Merkle, Controller Cindy Sheeks, Collections Superintendent Aaron Strong and Administrative Assistant Maggie Crediford

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the public.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kimbell made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting Memorandum. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Ms. Sheeks said the treatment costs paid to the City of Carmel were high in the month of March due to wet weather. The Collections Staff purchased the SL-RAT for sewer inspections. Ms. Merrill made a motion to approve the claims docket. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Poindexter had no report.

## UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams said the paving at the plant should be done by the end of the week. Mr. McDonald asked if there are things that Thieneman still needs to complete for the plant project. Mr. Williams said there are still quite a few things left on the punch list. Mr. Merkle said grit removal from the old VLR's still remains. There are a few items left with the new grit removal facilities which will eliminate the need for future grit removal. There should be substantial completion on the project in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Williams said the new capacity will mean that plant staff will need to do seven-day a week testing. Mr. McDonald asked if a ribbon cutting, or anything is planned when the plant project is complete. Mr. Williams said staff is discussing an open house probably in the fall once all the restoration and plantings are complete but, would consider a ribbon cutting sooner if the Board would like to have one.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Budget & Finance Committee**

Ms. Merrill said the Budget and Finance Committee did not meet.

## **Personnel & Benefits Committee**

Mr. Kimbell said the Personnel and Benefits Committee did not meet and asked Mr. Williams for an update on the progress of the salary study. Mr. Williams said managers have received the data collection on job matches from the consultant and are working on rating the matches. Management is hoping to have substantial information to provide to the Personnel and Benefits Committee at their April 27th meeting.

## **Capital & Construction Committee**

Ms. Foley said the Capital and Construction Committee met prior to this meeting and have the following action items:

# On-Call I&C Professional Services

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the On-Call I&C Professional Services Agreement with Donohue and Associates, Inc. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. McDonald asked if Donohue and Associates are a less expensive contractor then Ace Technologies or more reliable. Mr. Williams said staff is hoping they are both. Staff is beginning to feel like TriCo is a low priority for ACE Technologies. Ms. Poindexter asked if the contract with Donohue has the same 30-day "Out" provision as the one with Ace Technologies does in the event TriCo is not satisfied with their services. Mr. Williams said it does. Mr. Mills asked if the costs were comparable to those from Ace. Mr. Williams said yes.

## **Service Area Addition**

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve asking IDEM to add 4950 South US 421 to TriCo's service territory per the request from the Town of Zionsville. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

# Pump Replacements-Lift Stations 1 & 2

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the purchase of Flygt replacement pumps from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc for \$368,456.45. Mr. Pittman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

# #2202 Professional Services- Lift Station 8 Reconstruction

Ms. Foley made a recommendation to approve the professional services agreement with Commonwealth Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$124,100. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

# #2207 Professional Services- Lift Station 26 Parallel Force Main

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with GRW Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$68,800. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

# #2208 Professional Services- Lift Station 16 Reconstruction

Ms. Foley made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with GRW Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$74,000. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

# **Property Transfer to Clay Township**

Mr. Williams said when TriCo sold its share of the Clay Township Government Center to The Clay Township Trustee two years ago the appraisal value was based on the inclusion of the parking lot and retention pond areas. However, when the paperwork was filed those areas were left off the deed. The approval of a quit claim deed would clear up insurance issues for the Township Trustee as well as give them the right to dedicate needed easements to the City of Carmel for an improvement project. Mr. McDonald made a motion to transfer the listed properties to the Clay Township Trustee. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Petition to add Water to the District's Purpose (IC13-26-1-2)

Mr. Williams said Hamilton County put out a 75-page request for qualifications to provide water and sewer services to Bakers Corner. TriCo has been approached by a developer to participate in a partnership to provide the requested services. Mr. Williams asked the Board to petition IDEM to add water services to its Purpose. Board members had concerns that adding water might lead to different regulatory conditions or reporting. Mrs. Poindexter said petitioning IDEM would position TriCo to decide if it would be interested in the partnership and could be recalled if TriCo decided not to participate. Mr. Pittman made a motion to petition IDEM to add water to the District's Purpose. Mr. Kimbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Williams Utility Director

Michael McDonald, Secretary

Carl Mills, President

Approved:

as Presented as Amended