

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2006

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....Absent	Don Sawall.....X
Robert Gay.....X	Ella Lewis.....X
Richard Beggs.....X	

Also in attendance were Brad Rokus, Nancy Wieneke and Penny Kettenhoven.

Mayor Beggs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present except Ziemer, who was absent excused.

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Gay to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Sawall, seconded by Gay to approve the regular minutes from September 5, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Gay, seconded by Lewis to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$568,739.34. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens Forum- No citizens were present.

Layne Northwest – The crops are still in the fields preventing continuation of the study.

Outages- There were two scheduled outages for September 2006.

Water Breaks- There was one water service leak on Pearl Street that was repaired. One hydrant was replaced and moved on Hwy 45 due to several vehicles hitting this same hydrant many times.

Meetings attended and upcoming- Great Lakes Utilities annual meeting will be held in Shawano at Comfort Inn & Suites on October 18, 2006 at 4:00pm. All board members are invited to attend. MEUW annual district dinner meeting will be Nov 1, 2006 in Shawano at Annello's at 6:00 p.m. All board members are encouraged to attend. At the regular monthly Great Lakes Utilities meeting the two cases have been settled. No dollar amount has been determined because it will be split among all members in the suit. Badger Power will start the partial requirements on October 1, 2006. This means that part of our contract can be purchased on the open market, instead of a set rate. Any additional power that is purchased and is not used could be sold back on the market for a profit. This will help the electric rates stay low. Badger Power is only expecting a 5%-6% increase in electricity for next year instead of 10%-15%. Badger Power used September as a trial month just to see what the savings or expenses of buying power on the market would have been. This process is very complicated and will take a person full time to stay on top of this. A firm through Great Lakes Utilities will be doing the buying and selling for Badger Power.

Finance & Collection- Electric, Water and Sewer delinquent reports were reviewed for September 2006. Financials for August 2006 were reviewed. Electric has a gain of \$264,062.77 thru August 2006. Water had a gain of \$27,908.97 thru August 2006.

Electric and Water 2007 Budgets- A special meeting will be held Oct 24, 2006 at 4:00pm at city hall to discuss the electric and water budgets for 2007.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the library. Moved by Gay, seconded by Sawall to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Penny Kettenhoven

