

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Chm Tom Lederer.....X  
Robert Gay.....X  
Karen Siewert.....X

Don Sawall.....Absent excused.  
Michael Weathers...Absent excused

Also in attendance were Nancy Wieneke of Clintonville Publishing, John Boogren, General Manager and Penny Kettenhoven.

Chairperson Lederer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with members present Lederer, Gay and Siewert.

Moved by Siewert, seconded by Gay, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Gay, seconded by Siewert to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$332,745.47. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Customer service – The stuffer that went in this last month’s bill was the income guideline for the low-income portion of the Public Benefits Program. The bill received on March 1, 2003 will have a green coupon for a free energy light bulb and a night-light. Also on this bill the customers receive will have the hydrant rental fee on.

Harriet Tower- U.S. Cellular has contacted the utility for placing an antenna on top of the Harriet Street tower. We have in the budget for this year to take the tower down, after this news we should hold off for a while. Rent generated from the tower space can help differ cost of \$23,000 to take the tower down. Most utilities are getting an average of \$1,300-2,000 per month rent. We are continuing discussions and will keep you posted.

Meetings attended—MEUW Superintendents Conference- Discussions included tower rentals, CDL regulations, safety, generators and oil spills. Lineman graduation service was also recognized at this meeting and our employee Dale Bowser was at the ceremony. Badger Power has notified WE Energies that we intend to cancel the agreement as of May 31, 2003. Now negotiations are proceeding with WPS.

Line Projects- Tree trimming is in full swing. We will have some maintenance work on the Badger Power line from Clintonville to the Clover Leaf Lakes. ATC will be making upgrades to the line in March from 115KV to 138 KV line.

Two Water Main Breaks and two service leaks happened in January 2003. One of the main breaks had 6 homes with some water in basements. The city's insurance and homeowners insurance are checking into the break on Maize and East Madison St where the basements had water in. From these breaks approximately 200,000 gallons of water was used.

The DNR annual water report is in. It will be discussed at next months meeting.

Three Outages reported for the month of January. One planned outage to fix the overload at Jims Electronics and had to replace a transformer. The two unplanned outages were a bad connector affected one customer for 15 minutes. The other outage was a car hitting our pole, which caused 39 customers to be out of power for one hour.

New employee, Jon Carrick, is off to a good start. He is scheduled to start reading meters this Friday. He will also be going to school on Feb 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Financials—2002 is done. December financials were reviewed with gains of \$118,554.74 for electric and \$104,133.43 for water. The auditors will be here next week for the utilities annual audit. Commercial disconnects will be going out on Friday February 7, 2003. Delinquent accounts were also reviewed.

Next meeting date is March 4, 2003 at 4:00pm at city hall. Moved by Siewert, seconded by Gay to adjourn @ 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary  
Penny Kettenhoven



