

MINUTES
INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD
Water Purification Plant
May 6, 2009 8:35 a.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Chad Huwe, Rich Schwanke, Eric Berg, Mark Vellinga, Pat Beckman, Mark Cotter, Paul Fick, Steve Brockmueller, Steve VanBuskirk, Mike Runge (8:50 a.m.)

Pat Beckman left meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Rich Schwanke left meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Members and Alternates Absent

Erin Hayes, Jeff Schmitt, Mike Cooper, Orrin Oliver

Others Present

Cynthia Monnin, Chuck Point, Kim Buell, Jeff Boldt, Elizabeth Kassing, Clayton Jamison, Eric Willadsen, Todd Anawski, Shannon VerHey, Tim Galbraith, Jeff Dunn, Brad Maddox, Perry Eckhoff, Corey Hanson, Ron Bell, Chad Hanisch

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Rich Schwanke to approve the April 15, 2009 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Paul Fick. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Fick, Schwanke, Berg, Vellinga- 5. Noes, none.

Business

Chad Huwe announced to the Board that the May 20 meeting will be the last meeting that will be held at the water plant this year due to a construction project. Beginning June 3, IRAB will begin meeting at the Oak View Library, 3700 East 3rd Street. The construction project is expected to last about 18 months.

Chad also updated the group on the new appointments to IRAB that will be taken to City Council on May 11. When approved, Steve VanBuskirk will replace Paul Fick as a Member (Home Builders Association), Steve Brockmueller will replace Richard Schwanke as a Member (Engineering Consultant), Preston Mettler will replace Steve VanBuskirk as an Alternate (Home Builders Association). Mark Vellinga will also be approved for a reappointed term from May 2009 to May 2012. At a later City Council meeting, Myron Adam will be recommended to replace Steve Brockmueller as an Alternate (Engineering Consultant).

1. Water Service Sizes

Before the discussion began, Chad introduced the following City of Sioux Falls employees: Jeff Dunn, Engineering, Brad Maddox, Utility Maintenance, Ron Bell, Building Services, Perry Eckhoff, Utility Billing, and Shannon VerHey, Engineering. Jeff Dunn began the discussion by explaining a concern that a developer brought to the Engineering Office. The developer wanted to know what the review process is for development plans and who

is responsible for ensuring that developments are constructed with correct water service lines. Jeff explained the process the Engineering Office uses when reviewing final plans and how the Engineering Office works with Building Services when determining service line sizes. Presently, the water line size is determined by the number of water-using fixtures in a residence. Ron Bell then explained the process of obtaining a building permit and protocol used when determining water service sizes per the Utility Specifications and Uniform Plumbing Code. The main concern is that the services lines are being sized after the service line has been installed from the water main to the curb stop. Sometimes the size installed is different than what is installed during the street construction. Many questions and concerns were discussed by the group including possible changes to the specifications. The group's consensus was that a committee be formed to discuss these issues. The following people agreed to join the committee: Jeff Dunn, Ron Bell, Steve Brockmueller, Kim Buell, Preston Mettler, Paul Fick, and Myron Adam.

2. Water Service Taps

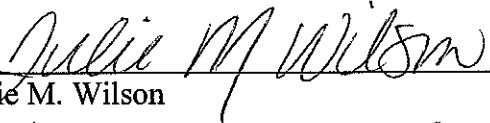
Shannon VerHey has been working with the Sioux Falls Contractors Association on several issues including a request to allow private contractors to perform taps instead of city staff. This is considered to be a more economical approach for both the City and the Developer. Mike Runge added that this idea would also allow contactors the flexibility to schedule their tapping crews. Shannon asked the group if anyone would be interested in joining a committee to discuss this and other issues. Chad Hanisch expressed interest in joining. Shannon said he will provide the Board with an update of their progress in one to two months.

Board Action:

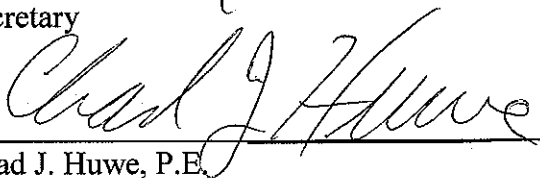
Action Items

Adjournment

The next IRAB meeting is set for May 20, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., at the Water Purification Plant. A motion was made by Mark Cotter for adjournment at 9:39 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Paul Fick. Roll call: Yeses: Cotter, Fick, Berg, Vellinga, Runge - 5. Noes, none.



Julie M. Wilson
Secretary



Chad J. Huwe, P.E.
City Engineer