

**ENROLLED MINUTES OF THE
HIGHLAND WATER WORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

Special Regular Meeting: The Highland Water Works Board of Directors met in a Special Plenary Session on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the lower meeting chambers of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Smith opened the special plenary meeting at 6:33 p.m. with no study session. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were recorded by Mark Knesek, Acting Recording Secretary.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Directors George A. Smith, Jason Tharp, Rick Volbrecht, Curt Schroeder, and Larry Kondrat. A quorum was present. Also present were Mark Knesek, Acting Recording Secretary; Derek Snyder, NIES Engineering; Robert F. Tweedle, Board Attorney; Mark Herak, Clerk Treasurer; and Kim Webb, Recording Secretary.

Minutes: President Smith asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2023 as prepared and posted. Director Kondrat moved to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a voice vote, there were (5) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

Special Orders: None.

Communications: None.

Comments from the Public or Visitors (Limited to Matters on the Agenda):

Reports:

1. Water Works Superintendent – Mark Knesek reported that there were no water breaks since the last meeting.
2. Water Works Attorney – none.
3. Water Works Engineer – Derek Snyder informed the Board that a ROW exhibit has been put together for Parkway Drive. The next step is to meet with the property owner.
4. Fire Department – none.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

1. Consideration of an amendment to the Town of Highland's Water Purchase Agreement with the Town of Dyer. Ted Sommer of LWG presented his updated spreadsheet that included proposed NIPSCO electric rate increases over three years. Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering provided further updates regarding the need to separate out T&D pensions, benefits, and health insurance from the A&G line items and then apply the appropriate allocation factor.

Director Volbrecht made a motion to authorize President George A. Smith and Attorney Robert Tweedle to move forward with the Dyer Transport Rates over three years as presented. Director Tharp seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (5) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

New Business:

Business from the Floor: None.

Comments from the Directors on any Item of Interest to the Directors: None.

Claims: None.

Next Meeting:

The next Plenary Meeting will be held in-person at Town Hall on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the Board of Water Works Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Study Session: The Board reconvened immediately in study session. Director Volbrecht presented a proposal for changing the Board's policy regarding delinquencies. The Board indicated a consensus to include Volbrecht's proposal on next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Webb, Recording Secretary