

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
June 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 PM.

Members Present: Leon Vance, Geoffrey Larson, Bryan Farrell, Grant Ritter

Members Absent: Janet Schempf, Andrew Campbell, Kevin Buckland

Staff Present: Autumn Sapp, Brian McGuire, Joshua Midgett

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add information as to what is needed to prepare for the Assembly meeting when that arrives.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 9, 2019, Draft UAB Meeting Minutes

A few name spelling corrections were made. Minutes approved once corrections are made.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

None.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Annual Report Presentation to HRC Committee, 6/3/2019, update

Autumn gave a brief explanation on the review of the annual report to the Assembly. Mr. Bryson proposed increasing the rate by 2%. An explanation of the consequences of increasing the rate by this much was explained. Mr. Edwardson asked what it meant to be independent. Andrew gave a short explanation of what that would cover. The Human Resources Committee approved Mr. Vance and Mr. Farrell to another term on the Utilities Board.

B. Finance Committee Meeting, 6/12/2019, Update

Brian McGuire gave a short presentation on the discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting regarding increasing utility charges. The Committee discussed the fact that a 2% increase was not enough to cover the issues that are happening now, and 4% would be too great a cost on the consumer. Mr. Bryson presented an idea of increasing the utility fees by 4% for the first year, and then going back to a 2% increase for the next 5 years. This would overall equate to a 2% increase over a 6 year period, but give the utility the funds it needs to take care of some problems now. The Committee determined increasing the fees by 4% for the first year, and 2% for the next 5 years would be a good options. The vote was 8-1. Mary Becker was the only member to vote against it.

The Board discussed the Hazardous Waste Fee and how that was going to be covered. The understanding of Staff is that it is a Tax. It may be rolled into the Sales Tax spread.

The bottom line increase in January will be approximately a 1% increase in the bill in January.

Discussion ensued.

C. Assembly Packet Discussion

Discussion on packet preparation and notification of board members as to when the meeting will be and what will be discussed with the Assembly. Autumn will inform board members of the process for getting the increase to the Assembly for a vote, and when packets are ready for review.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting

A. July 11, 2019, 5:15 PM, Water Utility Building

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.