



**Utility Advisory Board – Minutes  
November 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm  
Technology Center – 910 Technology Parkway**

**Meeting Called to Order: 3:05pm**

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Bob Elliot (UAB Chair), Claude McKibben, and Mike VanHouton. Joe Orlikowski, Richard Ohlinger, and Matt Booble were absent. A quorum was not present.  
**Also present:** Jeff Fiegenschuh (City Manager), Barb Bell (RMU), Toby Lindeland (RMU), Adam Lanning (RMU), Pat Brust (RMU), Chris Cardott (COR), and Sarah Brooks (COR).

**II. Approval of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UAB Minutes**

No approval due to a quorum not present.

**III. Advanced Communication Update (Jason Bird)**

- a. Financial Update as of September 2019 – Chris Cardott
- b. Liberty Village  
One of our new fiber customers.
- c. Jeff Perry, Inc  
Increased their internet speed.
- d. Benny's  
New customer.
- e. Lift Station  
New Fiber.
- f. Zayo  
Fiber customer that doubled their connectivity with us.
- g. AT&T  
Customer that doubled their capabilities with us.
- h. IFiber  
Existing customer that we are working towards a final agreement – currently have a paper agreement.



#### **IV. Electrical Enterprise Update (Jason Bird)**

- a. Financial Update as of September 2019 – Chris Cardott
- b. 5Kv Update  
Still outstanding work to be done, has been delayed due to the weather.
- c. Generation – 21 Days  
Generated 21 days this year.
- d. Substation Issues  
A transformer at the Electric Department will be replaced next year.

#### **V. Customer Service (Barbara Bell)**

- a. Assistance Program Update  
104 households received assistance.  
\$31,200 has been given.  
\$46,000 left to distribute this year.
- b. Incentive Update  
\$80,000 in budget.  
\$51,234 has been used.  
\$28,766 balance.  
These are for things like refrigerators, air condition, dishwashers, freezers, etc.

#### **VI. Water/Water Reclamation Update (Adam Lanning)**

- a. Financial Update as of September 2019 – Adam Lanning
- b. Water
  - i. Operations Report  
Year to date, RMU water produced a total of 758 million gallons with a daily average flow of 2.78 MG. The average unaccounted water loss for 2019 is 11% or 315,000 gal/day.
  - ii. Well 12 (Hayes Road)  
Building walls and floor have been poured and the backwash tank walls and floor have also been poured. The next step is to begin setting block for the walls which will take approximately 3 weeks then the frame can start going up. The treatment plant is set to become operational by March of 2020.
  - iii. Well 4 (9<sup>th</sup> St Diesel Plant)  
A bid opening is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.



- iv. Well 8 (Steam Plant Rd)  
Well 8 unexpectedly failed earlier in the year and needs new well pump/motor and cable. A bid opening is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- v. Water Meter Communications  
Year to date we have replaced over 800 water meters in house. We used a service to schedule the meter installs and cost approximately \$25 per meter. The estimated cost savings for installing the meters inhouse is over \$100,000 this year.
- vi. Water/Water Reclamation Cost of Service  
PowerPoint presentation discussing cost of service.

c. Water Reclamation

- i. Operations Report  
The wastewater division treated 1,168 million gallons w/a daily average flow of 3.8 MG. We had 1 effluent excursion for fecal coliform last month due to equipment malfunction.
- ii. Waste Water Treatment Plant Project  
Construction is underway for an approximately \$7 million upgrade to our wastewater treatment plant. The anaerobic lagoon has been cleaned of all sludge and both upper and lower liners have been removed. Expected final completion of the lagoon is spring 2020. The office expansion is approximately 15% complete. The remainder of the work is scheduled to begin next year due to long lead times for the new equipment.
- iii. Meadowbrook Phase 2 Sewer Lining Project  
Visusewer lined 7800 feet of sanitary sewer mainlines, adjusted 24 manholes, and currently lining or replacing 30 manholes. Each service connection is getting chemically grouted to stop groundwater from leaking into our system.

**VII. New Business**

- a. 2020 Meeting Schedule

**VIII. Comments from the Public**

Jason Bird has announced his retirement in May 2020.

**IX. Comments from the Board**

Special meeting November 20, 2019 at 3:00pm for Water/Water Reclamation rates.

**X. Adjournment 3:51pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Brooks**