

POWDERHORN AREA UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2007
MINUTES

The PAUD Board met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on January 18, 2007 at the Ironwood Township Hall, Ironwood MI 49938. Notice of meeting was published in the *Daily Globe* Newspaper.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Ms. Salmi in the absence of Chairman Estola, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Randall, Ms. Salmi and Ms. Olson (alternate)
Absent: Mr. Estola

Also present: Chuck Lawson, project engineer; Brian Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Erickson and Mr. Thomas Thompson, property owners.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Moved by Randall and supported by Olson to accept as presented and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting and construction progress meeting of December 21, 2006. Motion carried.

OPERATING ACCOUNT CLAIMS: Moved by Olson and supported by Randall to approve payment of the claims against the operating account in the amount of \$5358.55. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: Moved by Randall and supported by Olson to accept and place on file the communications as presented with the addition of correspondence from D. Imm; T. Thompson; R. Lee; P. Tank; T. Slavens; S. Billings (2). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Randall and supported by Olson to approve and authorize signatures on construction project partial pay request # 26 in the amount of \$170,077.65. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

B. Moved by Olson and supported by ^{Randall}Olson to approve and authorize signatures on the construction project Certificate of Substantial Completion. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

C. Moved by Randall and supported by Olson to amend the 2007 Operating Budget to increase line item *RRI Fund* by \$1900.00 to \$7300.00 to reflect the additional funded depreciation required to be set-aside as the result of the proposed purchase of a work truck and to decrease *Operating Costs* line item *Equipment* from \$15,000.00 to \$13,100.00. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

D. Moved by Randall and supported by Olson to approve and authorize signatures on construction project change order Number 18 which is a balancing change order resulting in a credit of \$3592.77.

Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

E. Moved by Olson and supported by Randall to approve and authorize signatures on CMI grant quarterly report requesting \$5604.75 reimbursement for engineering expenses.

Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Olson and supported by Randall to place the financial reports on file. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator reported that the sewer system fee invoices for October, November & December, 2006 have been mailed to all affected property owners. A spread sheet listing the owners, service addresses and amounts of the invoices was reviewed by the Board members.

PAUD Administrator commented that the names & addresses provided by the Ironwood Township assessor's office in December 2006 have numerous mistakes. This is the only source available used to obtain mailing addresses and ownership of the property owners in the PAUD sanitary district and has resulted in corrections and re-mailing of invoices which is extremely time consuming.

PAUD Administrator reported that a number of property owners receiving sanitary sewer invoices have phoned/written that they could not connect to the new sewer because of the service affecting their properties was not "available" as stated. The PAUD Board and administrator was informed by both the engineers and general contractor that all the properties located in Ironwood Township could connect as of late July 2006 and proceeded accordingly.

The PAUD Board requested that the engineering firm prepare a list of properties that were unable to connect to the new sewer system due to the construction project not having the service available. The administrator will pro-rate and re-mail these invoices to date of connection with the apologies of PAUD for the misdirection.

Mr. Thomas Thompson, owner of E6327 Wedeln Lane in Ironwood Township was present at the meeting to comment on a letter he sent the PAUD Board.

Due numerous issues stated in Mr. Thompson's letter of record it was moved by Olson and supported by Salmi to turn the matter over to the PAUD attorney for response. Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Erickson stated that their property is served by an individual grinder pump station and they could not connect by August 30, 2006 since the grinder was not in place. Administrator was instructed to pro-rate their bill for the quarter ended 12/31/06.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Olson and supported by Randall to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Estola, Chairman

G. Jean Verbos, Administrator