

## **UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sidney Sandy. Members in attendance were Sidney Sandy, Donnie Baucom, Irene Broaddus, Larry Smith, Ed Huntley, Carlton Tyson, and Butch Zimmerman. Alternate in attendance was Bob Saks. Member absent was Chris Boggs; alternate absent was Phil Loudermilk. We are still short one member as Darry Mabe has not been replaced by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion to approve minutes of the November meeting was made by Donnie Baucom and approved without dissent.

Agenda for this meeting was approved with two additions as noted on the agenda.

Phillip Tiewater gave the report on the progress of the IMG activities. The IT plan went out last week, the permitting and planning study is out at the publisher, and the entire project, although slightly behind schedule, is moving along toward completion. The technology Review we went over in detail.

Technology improvements center on improving customer service and information availability while lessening personal contact with personnel. Making information available on the web, encouraging customers, both in the permitting and usage realms, to use the web more, and outsourcing some things like hydraulic modeling will improve the efficiency of the department.

Next the Permitting and Planning Review was discussed. Specific suggestions were for fees to be charged for plan review, more communication between the four departments affected by new development, and that policies once developed be treated with consistency and integrity.

Phillip's fax number is 215-359-1666. Please either e-mail or fax him feedback from the draft report that will be delivered next week. The final report will be sent out in advance of the February 12 meeting for discussion at that meeting.

Tour of the Catawba Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for Thursday the 24 of January at 9am. Meet at the site; Christie will send out directions.

Christie next gave an overview of the history of the Self-Help Policy. Decisions about this will be discussed and made at our next meeting.

Bob Saks requested that we look at requiring a device on all new homes to prevent dumping of cold water that is wasted while waiting for hot water. Bob will get some more information on this for our next meeting.

Next the board discussed the procedure for allowing groups to speak before us. Carlton moved that we ask that any such groups send a request letter to our chairman, and the motion was approved without dissent.

Lastly, we went over the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Broaddus, Secretary to the Board