



**TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**Tipton Utility Service Board Meeting**  
**April 15, 2024**

The Tipton Utility Service Board meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. at the TMU City Water Department, 310 N. East Street, Tipton, Indiana. Chairman Don McElfresh presided. The members present included Dick Klein (Emeritus), Barbara Cardwell, Steven Thompson, Peter Schram, Mark Raver, and Utility General Manager Jim Ankrum. City Council Liaison Rick Rippy was absent.

**GUESTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed:

MOTION: It was moved by Barb Cardwell, and seconded by Steven Thompson:  
"That the previous minutes of the meeting be approved."  
Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Claims were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Raver and seconded by Peter Schram.  
"That claims #25042- #25090 totaling \$1,093,029.22 be approved." Motion carried.

**CHARGE OFFS**

A charge-offs report totaling \$3,786.87 was presented to the board, approved on motion by Mark Raver, and seconded by Barb Cardwell. Motion carried.

**BLENDED INTEREST RATE REPORT**

None submitted.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

None submitted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None submitted.

**Other Matters before the Board for Approval:**  
None submitted.

## **UTILITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Safety:** IMPA/TVPPA Safety training will be held on Wed April 17<sup>th</sup> and address **Underground Safety for City and TMU associates.**
- **IDEM:** Ankrum, through Strand Engineering, has been notified by IDEM to stand down regarding next steps on our CSO matters. IDEM is having continued discussions with USEPA regarding CSO standards and needs additional time before providing further direction to Tipton.
- **IMPA:** Ankrum shared IMPA's 2023 Annual Report with the Board.
- **IMPA:** Construction of the IMPA Solar Field on Industrial Drive is in progress.
- **Water:** TMU will participate in the North Central Water regional study being conducted by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA).
- **Sanitary Sewer Force Main Connector and Elevated Water Projects:**
  - **Sanitary Force Main project:**
    - F&K has mobilized and will soon begin directional drilling work on the West end of the project near CR 560 W.
    - Change Order No. 1 is fully executed thus converting all Open Cut work to HDD.
  - **Water Tower project status:**
    - A Pre-Construction meeting with Caldwell Tank will be held this Thursday to get the project officially started. Work on site is likely a few months out.
- **US 31/SR 28 Development**
  - SE Quadrant, owned by Tipton Land Development: TMU has received 30% Design drawings.
  - TMU has been fielding calls and emails on a regular basis regarding Utilities for the existing Stellantis facility currently For Sale. TMU engaged with IMPA on one particularly high electrical user inquiry.
- **City East Side Development Studies by Strand**
  - TMU awaits response and final disposition from INDOT regarding a permit for a water line HDD under SR 28 across from the DeLong Auto Repair.
  - Ankrum has shared the Strand study on the sanitary sewer options in this area. More discussion needs to be had to determine a path forward as this will likely be a much more expensive project.
- The next TUSB meeting will be Monday May 6, 2024, starting at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers.
  
- **Community Comments:**  
None

- ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Raver to adjourn and seconded by Steven Thompson.  
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.



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Jim Ankrum, General Manager



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Don McElfresh, Chairman





I hereby certify that each of the above listed vouchers and the invoices, or bills attached there to, are true and correct and I have audited same in accordance with IC 5-1-1-10-1.6.

April 15, 2024

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APVS #25042-25090

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of 13 pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ 1,093,029.22.

Dated this 15th day of April 2024

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Signatures of Governing Board

# TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

## Inter-Office Memorandum

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**DATE:** April 15, 2024  
**TO:** Tipton Utility Service Board  
**FROM:** Jim Ankrum  
**SUBJECT:** Charge-Offs

Attached is a Charge-Off report totaling \$3,788.77. Please review and approve.

Thank you.



## Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Programs

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### **RE: Indiana Finance Authority's North Central Indiana Regional Water Study**

Dear Utility Directors and Operators:

The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) has begun a study of the water resources in North Central Indiana. This includes both current and projected future supply and demand levels. The IFA has expanded the study to two general areas, which are referred to as the North Central Region and the Wabash Headwaters (please see attached map). These studies represent an important effort in the long-term planning of statewide water resources.

Because our work will be of interest to you, and because you have important data for us, we want to make sure you are aware of our progress. The IFA has enlisted the services of the national consulting firms Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to conduct the studies. Both firms will utilize the same protocol as the IFA's past studies, which will include outreach to utilities and economic development organizations. An online input mechanism will be established and promoted to solicit any additional information that may be relevant and available from other stakeholders.

As a major utility in the study area, please join us and the consultant team for an introductory project meeting that will provide an update on the studies and their schedules, as well as gather your important input. We will need crucial information from you in order to complete the studies in a timely manner.

The virtual meetings will take place on April 18, 2024 and April 23, 2024 from 11 am to 12 pm eastern time. We hope you or a colleague are able to join one of the meetings, please register here <https://bit.ly/3TvbaHa>. Choose whichever online meeting best fits your schedule.

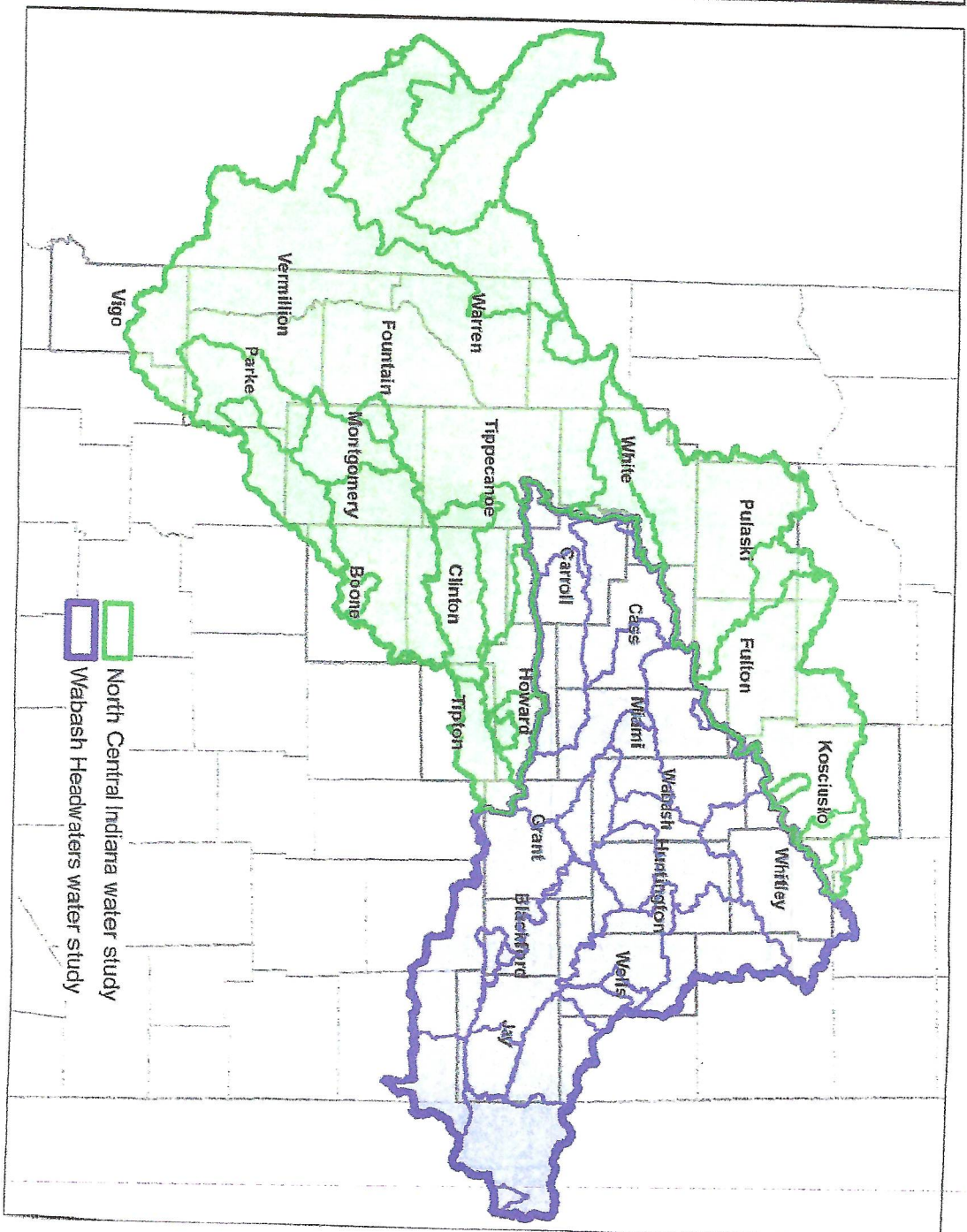
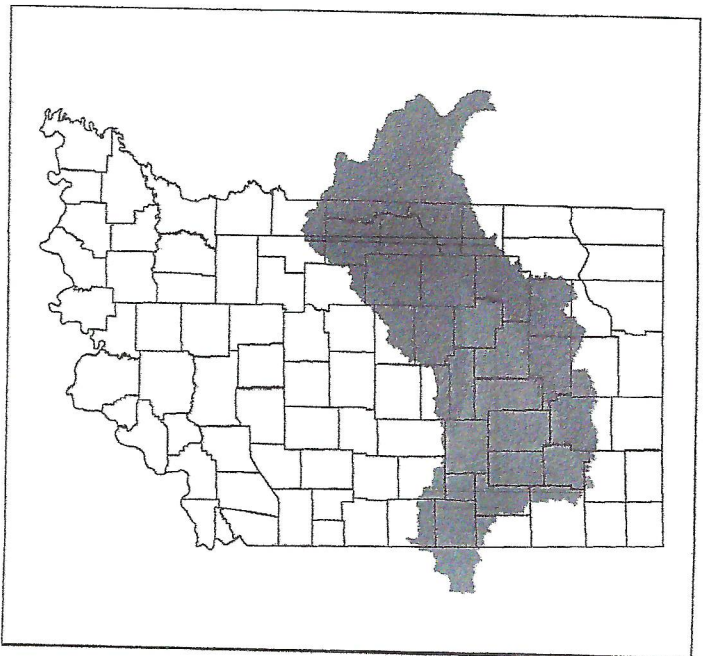
If you have questions related to the studies, please see the information provided on the IFA website at <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-water-studies/>.

Sincerely,

*James P McGoff*







 North Central Indiana water study  
 Wabash Headwaters water study





Governor Eric Holcomb on Monday directed the Indiana Finance Authority to take over a water study looking at withdrawals in Tippecanoe County.

*FILE PHOTO: WBAA/Ben Thorp*

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb directed the Indiana Finance Authority Monday to take over a study looking into whether water in Tippecanoe County could be used to support a large industrial district in Lebanon.

That study was being overseen by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, which faces growing opposition across the region.

Water is essential to the large industrial park being built in Lebanon — and state officials hope to pipe millions of gallons for the project from Tippecanoe County.

So far, Eli Lilly is the only company to break ground at the park. The IEDC has said there is enough water to support Lilly's \$3.7 billion investment.

Local officials and some state lawmakers have both questioned the IEDC's transparency around the water study and called for any data collected to be submitted for an independent, third-party review.

David Sanders is a West Lafayette city councilor who introduced a resolution opposing a proposed water pipeline and formed a local group, Stop the Water Steal. He said shifting the study away from the IEDC is a step in the right direction.

"It is an excellent move to get some independent agency looking at something that was started by the IEDC," he said. "I think removing the IEDC is the correct move."

Sanders said he feels the growing opposition in recent months — including resolutions against a potential pipeline being passed in Lafayette and Attica — have helped get the governor's attention.

"People contacting their legislators is having an effect," he said. "Democracy can work."

In addition to moving the study to a new agency, Holcomb also directed the Finance Authority to accelerate the start of a second regional water study looking at watersheds across a broader swath of North Central Indiana.



Holcomb has also directed the IFA to add new water monitoring devices locally to provide assurance that “water use and availability will continue to be tracked accurately and in real-time.”

“I am confident that these new efforts led by IFA will provide the necessary data to gain a greater understanding of the amount of excess water that is truly available to support all the surrounding region’s growth prior to any action being taken that could inadvertently jeopardize this needed resource,” Holcomb said in a statement.

The IFA oversees state-related debt issuance and financing.

David Rosenberg is the Indiana Secretary of Commerce and head of the IEDC. In a statement, he said the IFA is the right agency to continue the study.

“This work helps keep Indiana’s foot on the gas as we continue the historic economic momentum of the last two years with a focus on growing Indiana’s population and attracting industries of the future,” he said.

Rosenberg also called water being examined by the study “one of the most productive water assets in the state.”

The results of IFA’s initial study are expected in January 2024, with the more comprehensive water study ordered by Holcomb expected sometime in the fall.

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