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**Town of Sunman Indiana Water System
Preliminary Engineering Report
Public Hearing Minutes
April 17, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the County Annex Building**

1. Introductions & Sign-In Sheet

Randy Zins, Town Council President, opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM. He made opening statements regarding the purpose of this public hearing and then turned it over to Dick Weigel, Senior Project Manager, with HWC Engineering to administer the public hearing. Mr. Weigel introduced himself, distributed a sign-in sheet to all attendees (see attached), and then discussed the following items outlined in the attached PowerPoint presentation.

2. Introduction/Project Background

Mr. Weigel introduced the project and the purpose of the public hearing. Mr. Weigel indicated that the purpose is to inform the public that the Town of Sunman authorized the completion of the Water System PER and that the town has applied for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Drinking Water Program Loan to fund the water system improvement projects.

Mr. Weigel noted that HWC evaluated alternatives related to water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems for the water system.

3. Need for Project

Mr. Weigel detailed the project needs for water system improvements as outlined in the attached PowerPoint presentation.

4. Alternatives Evaluated

Mr. Weigel discussed the alternatives evaluated for the water system. (See attached PowerPoint presentation).

5. Recommended Project

Mr. Weigel discussed the recommended project, which includes rehabilitating Wells 4A, 5 & 6, replacing the pumps in Wells 5 & 6, and the replacement of the existing treatment unit (Aerater)



in a building addition. In addition to the aerator, the high service pumps, valves, controls, and generator will be replaced. The existing 200,000 and 75,000 gallon elevated tanks will be rehabilitated and recoated.

6. Recommended Project Cost Estimate

He discussed the cost estimates and Project Financing that have been prepared for the recommended project. He explained that the construction cost for the recommended project is currently estimated to be approximately \$2,4050,000. The total project cost, including an estimate for non-construction costs, is currently estimated at \$3,000,000.

7. Project Financing/Implementation

Mr. Weigel discussed the funding process for the proposed project and that the town will be applying for a low-interest loan through the Indiana Finance Authority's (IFA) State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program and may also be applying for a \$750,000 grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) which will be discussed in more detail at a future public hearing. A preliminary engineering report (PER) was prepared as required by SRF and was submitted with the application prior to April 1, 2025.

8. Estimated Schedule & Next Steps

Mr. Weigel discussed the preliminary schedule as included in the attached presentation, which indicates submittal of the PER to SRF by April 1st, SRF Project Priority List issued on July 1, 2025, Design and Plan Development from January 2026 to May 2026 (which can be flexible), submit Construction Permits by April 2026, Advertise, Bid & Contract Award from June 2026 – September 2026, Close SRF Loan & Begin Construction by September 2026, and complete construction by October 2027.

9. Public Comments & Questions

At this time, the meeting was opened for public comments and questions. Below is a summary of questions from the attendees of the hearing, along with responses:

Q1 – What will be the rates?

A1 – These will be established for review after the IFA/SRF scoring is complete to allow the financial advisor to develop them. The rates will also be dependent on if the town submits and is awarded an OCRA grant. This would ONLY effect the water rates, not the sewer rates.

Q2 – Is there any way that residents can help to get grants/better funding?

A2 – With the IFA/SRF program, there is not too much that you can do as residents.
However sometimes with OCRA grant applications, public support at hearings and via petitions can potentially increase the chances for a grant.

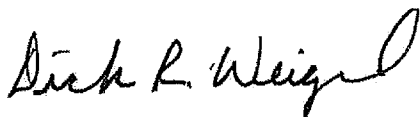
Q3 – Who is expected to come up with the money for repayment of the loan? How do you get people to connect to the collection system and pay for it?

A3 – Why were the old wells abandoned?

The reason for their abandonment was not known to the representatives, but it was simply indicated that they had not been used for many, many years.

At that time, there were no further questions. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to sign the PER acceptance resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dick R. Weigel, P.E.
HWC Engineering

Attachments

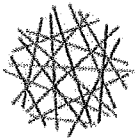
Memorandum approved this 22nd day of May 2025

Randy Zins, Council President

Carol Eckstein, Council Member

Don Foley, Council Member

Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer



HWC ENGINEERING

Sunman Water System
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

SRF PER PUBLIC HEARING
SIGN-IN SHEET

APRIL 17, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. - Town Hall

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4 Jim Morgan	Resident	
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6 Jennifer Long	Sunman Utilities/Res	" "
7 Zach Powell	Sunman	" "
8 Brenda Baker	Sunman Town Council	6jb9399@yahoo.com
9 Don Foley	HWC Engineering	
10 Randy Zos	Resident/Clerk-Treasurer	
11 Brian Sheehan	Town Council	
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Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Sunman
Preliminary Engineering
Report to obtain assistance
from The Drinking Water
State Revolving Fund
(DWSRF) Loan Program
The Town of Sunman will
hold a public hearing at 6:00
p.m. on Thursday, April 17,
2025, at the Town Hall, located
at 604 N. Meridian Street,
Sunman, Indiana 47041.

Sunman's engineering consultant, HWC Engineering, will present the recommended improvements as described in the PER, which include replacing or rehabilitating 3 wells, replacing the existing water treatment/filtration unit along associated pumps and controls, and repainting the 2 existing elevated tanks.

The project is planned to be funded through a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan. A copy of the required Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) will be available for public viewing starting April 4, 2025, through April 22, 2025, at Town Hall.

There will be an opportunity for questions and comments from the public at this meeting. Written comments from the public will be accepted through April 22, 2025. Participation is welcomed and encouraged. If you will require special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Taylor (812-623-2066).

Written comments regarding this project should be sent to The Town of Sunman, P.O. Box 147, Sunman, IN, 47041, before April 22, 2025.

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**SRF Loan Program
PER ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Sunman Indiana, has caused a Water System Preliminary Engineering Report, PER, dated March 2025, to be prepared by the consulting firm of HWC Engineering; and

WHEREAS, said PER has been presented to the public at a public hearing held April 17, 2025, for their comments; and


WHEREAS, the Sunman Town Council finds that there was not sufficient evidence presented in objection to the recommended project in the Preliminary Engineering Report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Preliminary Engineering Report dated March 2025 be approved and adopted by the Sunman Town Council.; and
2. That said PER be submitted to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for review and approval.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of Sunman this 17th day of April 2025, at their regularly scheduled meeting.

SUNMAN TOWN COUNCIL




Randy Zins, President



Carol Eckstein, Member



Don Foley, Member

Attest: 

Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer