AGENDA

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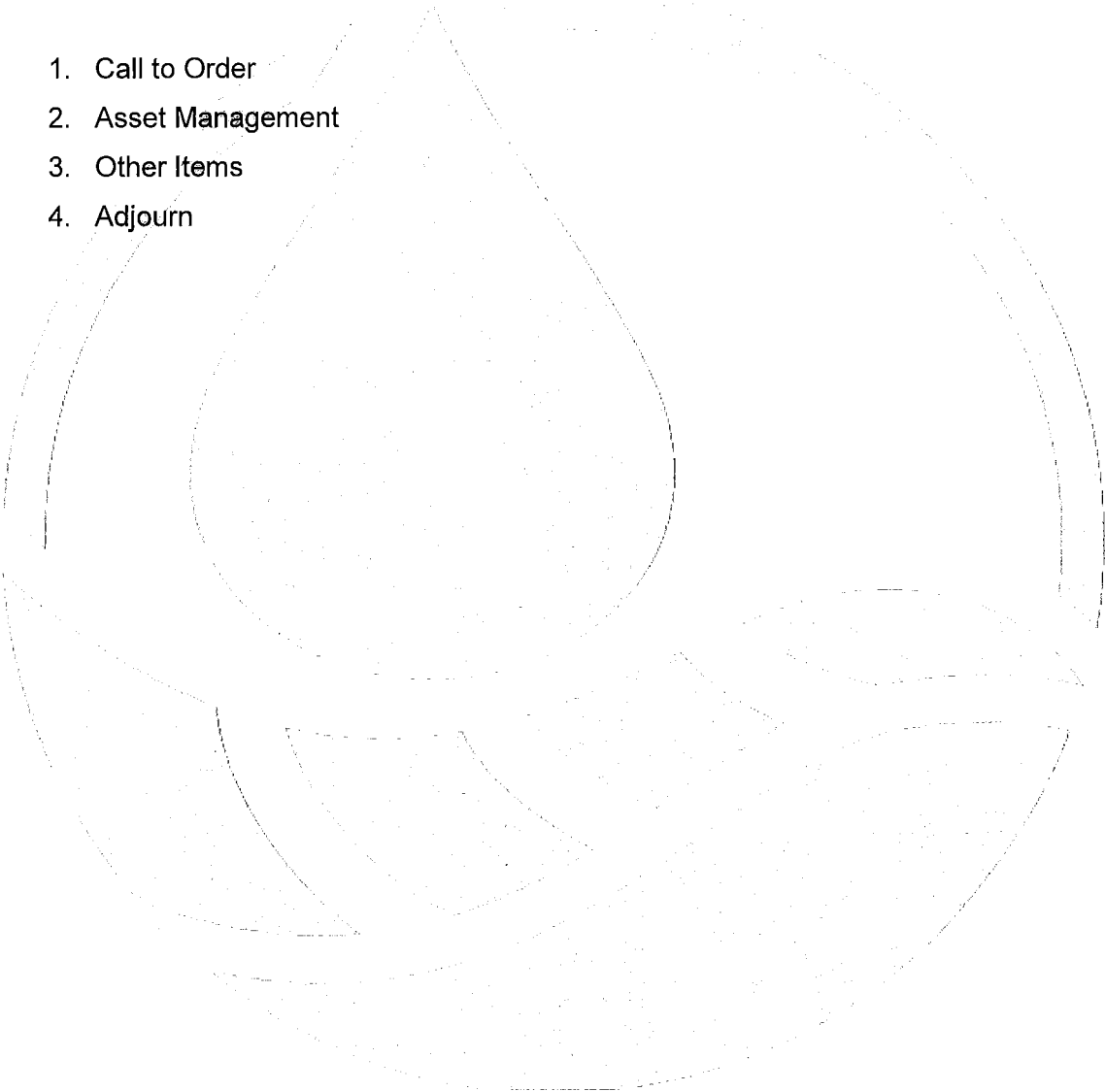# WORK SESSION

Tuesday

August 21, 2018

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Asset Management
3. Other Items
4. Adjourn

MEMORANDUM

To: **Board of Municipal Utilities**

From: **Todd Danielson & Rob Munro**

Subject: **Agenda Items – August 21, 2018, Work Session**

Date: **August 17, 2018**

Item: **Asset Management** – *TAD/RKM*

The October 1, 2018, effective date for the legislation approved by the Ohio Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2016 is fast approaching. However, the regulation is still not adopted and will not be prior to October 1, 2018. Additionally, Ohio EPA indicates changes have been made from the most recent draft regulation; and those changes will not be made public until after review by the state's Common Sense Initiatives Office.

Regardless, staff has been meeting bi-weekly to coordinate assigned activities, with a major focus on our valve exercising program. A valve exercising SOP has been written, and staff is preparing to begin implementation of the program, as written. In order to reduce the chances for failure of valves, staff intends to seek Board approval for an item that was not budgeted in 2018: a valve turner. The machine helps to reduce the chances for over-torqueing valves and breaking the stems, stripping the nuts, etc.. Additionally, the valve turner will reduce potential for workplace injuries. Staff will provide additional information at the work session. In addition to the valve turning SOP, staff is compiling the other documents required as part of the most recent draft regulation.

Earlier this week, the CUE emailed the Board indicating an interest to temporarily hire an individual to help finalize the launch of GIS and the initial coordination of asset management with GIS. The intention would be to help "tie up loose ends" with the GIS system and ground-truth as much data as possible prior to additional retirements within the next two years. The additional person would help provide the focus necessary to complete tasks and improve the confidence level of other staff in the information in the GIS so that they feel comfortable using it during the middle of the night responding to water breaks, etc..