

Hart County Water & Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting January 18, 2018

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on January 18th, 2018 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Hugh Holland; Board Members Larry Haley and Mike MacNabb; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; The Hartwell Sun Editor Vivian Morgan; and Hart County resident Eric Sanders. Board member Jerry Cannady was not in attendance.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. MacNabb seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

Mr. Sanders requested to have the current water line extended approximately 2,000 feet on Beacon Light Road. Mr. Goran will provide a cost estimate at the next meeting. The Board directed Mr. Goran to send out commitment letters as well. Mr. Goran stated that he will contact EMI to verify the water line size needed for this area.

Approval of December 18th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the December 18th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. Mr. Goran stated that the dollar amount that the Board has committed for the proposed 2018 CDBG grant application and detailed engineering would be added to next month's HCWSA Available Funds report.

Mr. Haley questioned the water purchased percentage goal. Mr. Goran reminded the Board that the percentages were reported a month behind. He also stated that as of the January 1st master meter readings, the percentage totals were the City of Hartwell 44%, the City of Lavonia 45%, and the City of Royston 11%.

After reviewing the Past Due Account report, Mr. Gordon commended Mr. Goran and Mrs. McBrayer on a job well done in keeping the unpaid dollar amount at a minimum.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to include the remaining balance due to the Past Due Account report going forward. The Board also agreed to show the total number of work orders completed in addition to the open work orders on the Work Order report.

Old Business

Cokesbury Highway Addition (2015 CDBG amendment)

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the progress being made on Cokesbury Highway and the estimated completion by the end of February. Mr. Goran said that he was currently delivering “last chance” letters to residents who qualified for financial assistance but had not yet applied for service.

2018 Community Development Block Grant application

Mr. Goran stated that surveys were still being collected but had not yet reached the 90% completion rate required. Mr. Goran also stated that he planned to meet with EMI and Allen Smith Consulting to determine the final target areas. He noted that the grant application was due by April 1, 2018.

New Business

None

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he will be attending the annual GAWP conference on January 30th and 31st. Mr. Goran stated he will mail the Radio Read Retro-Fit loan documents to GEFA next week. Mr. Goran also informed the Board that the last hydrant meter had been returned by the third hydrant meter customer but we had not received a response to our amnesty letter. No further action was taken.

Members’ Comments

Mr. Haley inquired about a pressure check for a customer on Norman Road. Mr. Goran stated he will follow up with the Field Technician.

Mr. Gordon stated the he and Mr. Goran continued to work on some remaining right-of-way issues for the 2018 CDBG grant, and also formal letters to be sent to tap payment plan debtors.

Upcoming Meetings – February 19th and March 19th

The next two Board meetings will be held on Monday, February 19th, 2018 and Monday, March 19th, 2018.

Adjournment

Mr. MacNabb motioned to adjourn and Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary