

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting June 20, 2022**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Board Members Larry Haley, Bennie Harper, Marvin Justice, and Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Kim Higginbotham; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer.

## **Welcome**

## **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Justice motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

## **Public Comments: remarks by invited guests**

None

## **Approval of April 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes**

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

## **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted the high number of new taps. Mr. Goran also noted that there has been a significant price increase on tapping supplies and that he had agreed to a price increase from our maintenance contractor recently since we had not had an increase in nearly ten years. He also said the availability of tapping supplies has become an issue.

Mr. Goran stated that the number of current active water customers had surpassed 2,500.

## **Old Business**

### **2020 Community Development Block Grant project update; request for water service – Tom Rice Road loop; discussion of other recommended loops related to 2020 CDBG project**

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the 2020 CDBG project.

Mr. Goran stated that a resident on Tom Rice Road had requested water service and provided a cost estimate of \$112,640.00 to install pipe on Tom Rice Road to connect Akin-Lunsford Road and Hanley Road. He also stated that 6 commitment letters had been mailed and none had been returned. Mr. Goran did not recommend proceeding with this request.

Mr. Goran provided a cost estimate of \$102,520.00 and recommended installing additional pipe on Clay Brown Road to connect from the Uly White Road intersection to near the Friendship Road intersection. He discussed the benefits of creating that loop to eliminate a long dead end line that serves numerous poultry operations in that area.

Mr. Goran provided a cost estimate of \$106,150.00 and recommended installing additional pipe on Friendship Road from the end of the recently installed line near the John Jordan Road intersection to connect to our existing system at the Friendship Road - Pearson Drive intersection. He stated this would create a significant loop in our system, eliminate a dead end line, and may be necessary to meet ISO fire flow and residual pressure standards.

Mr. Goran stated that he strongly recommended both the Clay Brown and Friendship loops. After some discussion, Mr. Justice motioned to proceed with the Clay Brown loop. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

### **Discussion of water and sewer service delivery territories**

Mr. Goran stated that it was his understanding that the service delivery agreement was up for renegotiation this fall.

Mr. Goran stated that he had been made aware of an upcoming annexation request for about 300 acres between Parkdale Drive, Fairview Avenue and Liberty Hill Road. He noted that the water and sewer service delivery boundary line between HCWSA and Hartwell passed through this area. Mr. Carlton advised Mr. Goran to follow up with the Hart County Board of Commissioners regarding the Authority's desire to provide water service in the area.

### **New Business**

None

### **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran said that legislation to require Water and Sewer Authority Board Members to take continuing education did not pass.

Mr. Goran said that Field Technician Scott Kibbey had completed 166 locates in May and continued to work closely with Hart Telephone Company's contractor Electricom with their fiber optic cable installation.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a significant increase in system demand, and that a lot more water was having to be pumped to the Airline tank. He speculated the reasons for the increase could be increased poultry operations usage due to the heat or a possible leak. He stated that comparing the May and June usage once meter reading was done would shed some light on the issue.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water service request for a Boleman Hill Road poultry operation. He presented a ballpark cost estimate of \$623,990.00 and stated that the operation had 10 poultry houses. Mr. Goran said he would follow up with the poultry farmer to discuss further.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water service request for a proposed campground on Bio Church Road. He presented a ballpark cost estimate of \$332,018.00. Ms. McBrayer will follow up with the requestor.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the Berryman Road subdivision project and explained that the project was being paid for by the developer. The subdivision project will include approximately 66 individual taps.

Mr. Goran said that the extension of our existing line on Ciara Way had been completed and 12 new customers had been added.

## **Members' Comments**

None

**Upcoming Meeting – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Justice seconded it. The motion passed 5 - 0.

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary