

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting July 19, 2021

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on July 19th, 2021 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, Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; The Hartwell Sun reporter Josh Brannen; Hart County residents Brian Canady, Leigh Canady, and Marvin Hill. Board Member Marvin Justice participated via phone.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

Mr. Hill asked for an update on the Mt Olivet area proposed project. Mr. Carlton stated that the project was still in the engineering phase but would remain on the agenda.

Approval of June 21st regular meeting minutes

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the June 21st regular meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted that master meter readings report now included the gallons flushed to maintain water quality. Mr. Goran also noted that the number of locates responded to in June was the highest monthly total he could recall.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the lowest bidder was Arrowood General Contracting Inc. whose bid totaled \$1,073,545.45 and that EMI had recommended proceeding with the project using them.

Mr. Goran said as expected the bids received were quite higher than the original estimate which was done nearly eighteen months ago, well before the recent significant increases in pipe and other materials. Mr. Goran estimated that the required local matching funds would increase to about \$520,000 from what had been estimated. Mr. Goran recommended proceeding with the project as bid.

After much discussion, Mr. Carlton motioned to proceed with the 2020 CDBG project and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Request for Water Service – Mount Olivet Road, Cleveland Mill Road, Pineview Lane, Oaktree Lane, Reno Drive

The Board agreed to have the engineering complete before taking further action.

Consideration of increasing “\$7,500 per committed customer” expenditure guideline

After some discussion, no action was taken.

New Business

Adoption of formal cash management policy; recommended minor change to Customer Rates and Policies

Mr. Goran presented the draft cash management policy. Mr. Gordon volunteered to research the validity of NAUPA (National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators) and suggested adopting the policy up to the words “not claimed.”

Mr. Harper motioned to adopt the cash management policy up to the words “not claimed.” Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Goran presented the proposed change to the customer rates and policies to include the words “greater than \$5.00” regarding the distribution of customer refunds.

Mr. Haley motioned to adopt the suggested change to the customer rates and policies. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Discussion of potential 2022 Community Development Block Grant target areas

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the grant administration and engineering procurement process has begun and asked for target area suggestions. Several areas were suggested and noted for further consideration.

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran offered his congratulations to Ms. York who had been recently named to the AgGeorgia Farm Credit Board of Directors.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he would be on vacation from July 24th to August 2nd.

Mr. Goran stated that he expected the Parkdale project to be completed within the week.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a potential annexation request that had come to his attention and its potential impact on service delivery territories. Mr. Carlton said that they would discuss the matter at the appropriate time.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meetings – Monday, August 16th, 2021 and Monday, September 20th, 2021

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, August 16th, 2021 and Monday, September 20th, 2021 at the Authority's office.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary