

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting September 17, 2018

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on September 17th, 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 Patti Brown, Larry Haley and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Michael Isom; and Hart County residents Dr. Pamela Fields and Dan Spivey.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

Dr. Fields asked about the results of the Hart County Board of Commissioners' decision regarding the reconsideration of the Bayview Road "subdivision." Mr. Carlton answered that HCWSA had requested reconsideration of the Bayview Road "subdivision" decision as well as clarification of the county subdivision ordinance, however no official response had been received.

Approval of August 20th regular meeting minutes and August 30th called meeting minutes

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the August 20th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0. Mr. Holland motioned to approve the August 30th called meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Mr. Haley arrived at this time.

Old Business

Request for Water Service – Mewborn Road, Eagle Grove School Road, Liberty Church Road poultry operations, residents

Mr. Carlton suggested adding the proposed Mewborn Road, Eagle Grove School Road and Liberty Church Road project to the 2018 CDBG bid package.

Mr. Goran stated that no detailed engineering or permit applications had been completed. Mr. Goran asked the Board if they would like to proceed with the engineering portion of the proposed project. He estimated the engineering costs to be about \$42,000.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Request for water service – Bowersville Highway (potential 900'+- extension)

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the scheduling conflict with the maintenance contractor and asked the Board if they would like to proceed with getting competitive bids. Mr. Holland so moved. The motion failed to receive a second.

After some discussion, the Board asked Mr. Goran to prepare a bid package and obtain bids.

Bayview Road “subdivision”

Mr. Goran confirmed that an official letter had been sent to the County Administrator requesting that the Board of Commissioners reconsider the Bayview Road “subdivision” decision and for clarification of the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Gordon agreed with the strict interpretation of the county ordinance. He stated that it would be appropriate if HCWSA chose to adopt a stand – alone policy regarding subdivisions.

Mr. Goran confirmed that he had spoken with the County Administrator about the letter Mr. Goran had sent. He stressed the importance of consistency between all parties involved and stated that HCWSA relies on the county ordinance for direction. Mr. Goran stated that the County Administrator has recently adopted the position that HCWSA must approve subdivision proposals before being approved by the County, similar to the County Health Department’s involvement.

Mr. Carlton said that until the BOC gives a decision based on the reconsideration request and reviewed the policy, all requests regarding subdivisions will be postponed.

Freeman Drive “subdivision”

Mr. Goran stated that he had contacted the developers and suggested that they attend this meeting. Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Freeman Drive plat had been delivered to HCWSA while he was on vacation in early August and included the statement “Water to be provided by Hart County Water & Sewer Authority”; however, no one had spoken to him prior to HCWSA receiving the plat.

The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Request for water service – Paradise Point Road

Mr. Goran informed the Board of Paradise Point Road residents’ intentions of posting signs and creating a website to generate interest in their area.

Request for Water Service – Twin Cove Drive

Mr. Goran informed the Board that HCWSA had received a third commitment letter for Twin Cove Drive. The Board asked Mr. Goran to prepare a bid package and obtain bids and to proceed with the project if the low bid was \$22,500 or less.

New Business

Golfview Drive “subdivision”

Mr. Spivey stated his intention to subdivide property on Golfview Drive and requested water service.

Mr. Goran reminded the Board that this is another subdivision ordinance issue. He cited the current county subdivision ordinance which states that if the entrance of a subdivision is within 1,000’ of an existing municipal water system the developer must pay to connect to that public water system. Mr. Goran noted that the current water line size on Spencer Lane is not big enough to support fire hydrants.

Mr. Carlton stated that he did not feel comfortable installing water lines that did not support fire protection. He also stated that if this project moves forward, fire protection would need to be seriously considered.

Mr. Spivey stated that there had never been a hydrant on Golfview Drive and questioned how much difference adding 4 more homes could make.

Mr. Carlton answered that a fire hydrant and supporting lines were necessary for public safety.

Mr. Spivey stated he would be willing to install a 2” water line.

After much discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget

After a brief discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to adopt the FY19 budget as proposed. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Fiscal Year 2018 audit engagement letter

After some discussion, Ms. Brown motioned to authorize both Mr. Carlton and Mr. Goran to sign the FY19 audit engagement letter. Mr. Holland seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Annual review of Board members’ potential conflict of interest

Mr. Goran requested Board members to update, sign and return their conflicts of interest form.

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that tank demolition bids were due on October 11, 2018. He hoped to have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the hydrant meter user who has been using their own meter and had agreed to use a hydrant meter assembly provided by HCWSA had not yet picked it up. Mr. Carlton stated that issue would be taken under advisement.

Members' Comments

Mr. Holland suggested returning the property where the out-of-service tank is located to Hart County once the tank had been demolished.

Upcoming Meetings – October 15th and November 19th

The next two regular Board meetings will be held on Monday, October 15th, 2018 and Monday, November 19th, 2018.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary