

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting January 16, 2020

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on January 16th, 2020 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Board Members Patti Brown, Larry Haley, Bennie Harper and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; Trent Cape and Dexter Ledford; and Hart County resident Jayson Nguyen.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of December 16th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the December 16th regular meeting minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Mr. Goran suggested using SPLOST funds for the four Board approved small capital projects (specifically Whispering Creek Trail, Byrum Cemetery Road, Haering Fire Protection Meter/Vault, and the Gateway I Spec Warehouse projects) since SPLOST funds can be used for capital projects only.

Mr. Haley motioned to use SPLOST funding for those projects. Mr. Carlton seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Old Business

Discussion of potential Reed Creek Highway subdivision

Mr. Goran recommended proceeding with the Reed Creek Highway subdivision project since Mr. Ledford and Mr. Cape has committed to contribute \$30,000 to the cost of construction and have agreed to sign seven or eight ten year vacant lot commitment letters, and that the project would extend our system toward the densely-populated Reed Creek area. Mr. Goran also stated that similar rationale was used when considering both the Whispering Creek Trail and Bethany-Bowersville Loop projects. Mr. Goran also recommended extending the water line an additional 600 feet past the end of the proposed subdivision to achieve 1,000 feet hydrant spacing.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to proceed with spending no more than \$75,000 including the \$30,000 cost of construction contribution from Mr. Cape and Mr. Ledford, using Dodd Construction and ending the water line at H N Ayers Road. It was agreed that the recommended additional 600 feet to meet the desired hydrant spacing would be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Carlton against.

Outstanding requests for water service – poultry operations

No action was taken.

Review and discussion of Authority project prioritization and potential funding

See Director’s Comments.

2018 Community Development Block Grant project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the continued progress.

Eagle Grove School Road Area project

Mr. Goran stated that this project would be scheduled after the 2018 CDBG and other prior-approved small projects. He estimated construction would begin in about three months.

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran stated that the Clay Brown Road area and Akins – Lunsford Road / Oak Park Lane are the likely two target areas. Mr. Goran stated that a significant local match would be required to apply for the full \$750,000 grant. Mr. Goran said another option is to apply for a grant amount less than \$750,000.

New Business

None

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the FY19 Financial Audit was underway.

Mr. Goran also informed the Board of a subdivision on Ack Powell Road in which the developer would be paying 100% of the cost of installation and HCWSA would later acquire. The developer has also agreed to pay HCWSA \$300 each for four meters / transmitters, the engineering costs for the GDOT permit and to meet HCWSA specifications.

Mr. Goran said that all prior-approved small projects were ready to go and were being scheduled for installation.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the offer of a “ballot initiative” for a millage rate increase on HCWSA’s behalf by the Hart County Republican Party. After some discussion the Board agreed to respectfully decline the offer.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meetings – Monday February 17th and March 16th

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, February 17th, 2020 and Monday, March 16th, 2020.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary