

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority**

## **Board of Directors Meeting January 20, 2022**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on January 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 Bennie Harper, Marvin Justice, and Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Kim Higginbotham; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer. Board Member Larry Haley was absent.

### **Welcome**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. York motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Carlton seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

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

None

### **Approval of December 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes**

Ms. York motioned to approve the December 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

### **Old Business**

#### **2020 Community Development Block Grant**

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the construction progress.

He discussed the possible need to complete loop(s) in the area that are not part of the current project scope. Mr. Goran explained the hydraulic analysis suggested that fire flows on Friendship Road may not be adequate to meet ISO requirements. Mr. Goran discussed three loop options and stated that he would meet with the Hart County Fire Chief to test fire flows without the proposed loops once the water line has been filled. Mr. Goran said he would report the results to the Board.

#### **2022 Community Development Block Grant target area, including Mount Olivet Road, Cleveland Mill Road, Pineview Lane, Oaktree Lane, Reno Drive**

Mr. Goran said that surveys were still being collected. He expressed concerns regarding meeting the 70% LMI requirements, and said that other areas may need to be surveyed.

## **New Business**

### **City of Royston proposed wholesale water price increase**

Mr. Goran recommended accepting the proposed rate increase from \$2.15 to \$2.30 since rates had not been increased since the agreement was signed in 2010. He reminded the Board that Royston was the highest cost water supplier and that they had recently requested that HCWSA use less water than contractually agreed upon.

Mr. Goran added that Royston had also recently expressed an interest in purchasing water from HCWSA. The Board consensus was favorable to considering selling water to Royston.

Mr. Justice motioned to accept the proposed rate increase from the City of Royston. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

### **Request for water service – Mattie’s Orchard/Player’s Lane**

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the most recent water service request on Player’s Lane. He stated that signed commitment letters had been received from 7 of the 9 total parcels. Mr. Goran stated that he felt confident that the cost of the project would be less than \$21,000.

He stated that he had reached out to the Gordon Law Firm to prepare a detailed easement agreement for the Homeowners’ Association to sign before construction began. Ms. Higginbotham stated her concerns regarding legal road ownership of Player’s Lane.

Mr. Justice motioned to proceed with the project contingent upon the cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid for with SPLOST funds and receiving the signed easement agreement. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

### **Director’s Comments**

Mr. Goran stated that three Board members’ terms were expiring in February: Bennie Harper, Marvin Justice, and Patti York. Each expressed an interest to reapply.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he had been asked to attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting specifically to discuss the subdivision ordinance which was currently under review by the BOC.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a potential subdivision water service request on Scott Mill Road which would be approximately within 1,000 feet of an existing HCWSA water line. He stated that the subdivision had not yet been presented to the Hart County Board of Commissioners.

### **Members’ Comments**

None

### **Upcoming Meeting – Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the Authority’s office.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Justice motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Harper seconded it. The motion passed 4 - 0.

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary

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