

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting February 18, 2019

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on February 18th, 2019 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 resident Dr. Pam Fields.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of January 10th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the January 10th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. The Board agreed to release the funds previously allocated for the Bowersville Highway Extension and Twin Cove projects.

Old Business

2018 Community Development Block Grant project bid award

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the pre - construction meeting was held on Monday, January 28th. Mr. Goran will choose notice to proceed date once signed documents have been received. Mr. Goran stated that he expected the project to begin construction in March.

The Board discussed possibly waiving or decreasing the tap fee for low to moderate qualifying residents in non-target areas. No action was taken.

GEFA radio-read retrofit and meter replacement project

Mr. Goran stated that the GEFA Radio Read Retrofit project was currently out to bid and that the bid opening meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at noon. Mr. Goran explained that a team will review the bids and asked if any Board Members would be interested in serving on the team. The team will take into account price and other factors and provide a recommendation for the Board at the next meeting.

Request for Water Service – Goldmine Village Road

After some discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with the Goldmine Village Road project contingent that the cost does not exceed \$97,350 using Authority funds and Arrowood General Contracting, and that if Arrowood's written proposal exceeded the cost estimate the request go back before the Board for further discussion. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Bayview Road “subdivision”

After some discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with the Bayview Road project contingent that the cost does not exceed \$15,000 using Authority funds and Arrowood General Contracting, and that if Arrowood's written proposal exceeded the cost estimate the request go back before the Board for further discussion. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Goran reminded the Board of the revised cost estimate of \$411,000 which would require combined poultry operation commitments of approximately 5 million gallons per year for a ten year period, and those commitments would be transferred with the property if sold.

After some discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Goran to reach out to the requesting farmers. The Board agreed to discuss this request as well as the possibility of proceeding with engineering at the next meeting.

New Business

Request for water service – Bowman Highway poultry operations

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water request for a portion of Bowman Highway. After some discussion, the Board agreed to postpone a decision until the following year.

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water service request for the Exxon convenience store on Reed Creek Highway. Mr. Goran gave a very rough cost estimate of \$20,000 to extend our system from the intersection of Reed Creek Highway and Mount Olivet Road using a 6” water line. After some discussion including the possibility of placing a meter at the aforementioned intersection and the possibility of HCWSA contributing \$7500 toward the cost of extending our main line if the store owner paid the remainder, the Board directed Mr. Goran to follow up with the store owner.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water request for the Highland Ridge Subdivision area and that commitment letters had been sent to residents. The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the open records training being held on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 and that all board members should attend if possible.

Members' Comments

Mr. Haley expressed his concerns regarding hydrant water use regarding a particular customer. Mr. Haley told said customer that they were not supposed to be charged \$90 per month and that they were supposed to have purchased that meter and keep it as long as they want to.

(Note: The signed agreement between the Hart County Water and Sewer Authority and Paradise Point Water Company is attached as Exhibit A).

Mr. Haley motioned to sell a hydrant meter to this particular customer and that no base fee be charged. Mr. Haley then stated that he would motion but would not vote and asked for a second. The motion failed to receive a second.

After further discussion, Mr. Haley went on to say that “we need to see what we can do about it because it ain’t right” and that he “doesn’t care what nobody says and I ain’t supposed to take sides with them but”, and that he did not “feel it was right” and that it was “unfair.”

Mr. Holland stated that April would be his last meeting serving on the Board.

Upcoming Meetings – March 18th and April 15th

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, March 18th, 2019 and Monday, April 15th, 2019.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary