

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting February 21, 2022

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on February 21st, 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 Larry Haley, Bennie Harper, Marvin Justice, and Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Walter Gordon; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; Hart County resident Dr. Pam Fields; and Developer Seth Cape.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of January 20th regular meeting minutes

Ms. York motioned to approve the January 20th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the progress of installation.

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

Mr. Goran again expressed his concerns regarding pipe prices and meeting the 70% low-to-moderate-income requirements to apply for a CDBG grant. He also noted his concerns about the accuracy of the surveys already collected pertaining to household income. Mr. Goran recommended abandoning the 2022 grant and reapplying in 2023.

Mr. Justice motioned to abandon the current CDBG grant application and reapply in 2023. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 - 0.

Mr. Goran stated that suggestions for additional and/or alternative target areas were welcome.

New Business

Request for water service – Twelve Oaks Road subdivision

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the water service request for the Twelve Oaks Road subdivision. Mr. Goran provided a cost estimate of \$79,970.00 to install a water line to serve the subdivision and his recommendation to also complete the loop between Mt. Olivet Road and Old Mt. Hebron Road. He said that the subdivision on Twelve Oaks Road had been approved by the Hart County Board of Commissioners and that the developer had agreed to contribute \$49,400.00 toward the cost of construction.

Dr. Fields stated that she would be willing to commit to purchasing three taps and sign ten year commitment letters for her property on Twelve Oaks Road. She stated that she had no intention of subdividing the property at this time.

Mr. Haley motioned to approve proceeding with the project.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley amended his motion to proceed with the project contingent upon receiving the developer's contribution and that HCWSA's portion be paid for with SPLOST dollars. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Justice opposed.

Request for water service – Scott Mill Road subdivision

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the water request for a proposed subdivision on Scott Mill Road and provided a cost estimate of \$117,592.80 based on connecting to our existing line on Lecroy Lane. He also explained that the parcel in question is on the edge of the service delivery territory which could pose an issue with the City of Hartwell, even though the City did not currently have a water line on this part of Scott Mill Road. Mr. Goran stated that he had spoken briefly with the City Manager who thought the subdivision was within Hartwell's territory. Mr. Goran also stated that he would be meeting with the City Manager on Wednesday to further discuss this subject.

Mr. Goran said that the service territory agreement expires later this year.

Mr. Cape stated that he would be agreeable to contributing to the cost of construction.

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

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners would vote on Authority Board appointments at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a new subdivision on Bethany – Bowersville Road that had been approved by the Board of Commissioners which is located on a water line extension the Authority did a few years ago.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meeting – Monday, March 21st, 2022, and Monday, April 18th, 2022

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, March 21st, 2022 and Monday, April 18th, 2022 at the Authority's office.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary