

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority**

## **Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2019**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Vice - Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Board Members Larry Haley and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; and Hart County residents Patty Boyce, Jeremy Chitwood, Curtis Mewborn, Ashley Poole, and Thomas Saxon. Chairman Wade Carlton arrived during the meeting. Board Member Patti Brown was absent.

### **Welcome**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 3 – 0.

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

Ms. Boyce requested water service for Twin Cove Drive. Mr. Goran explained that the bids for the proposed project had come in higher than the Board approved estimate. Ms. Boyce stated that she and her neighbor would be willing to commit \$3,000 toward the cost of construction to make up the difference between what the Board had committed to spend and the low bid, in addition to the \$1200 tap fee and \$75 water deposit.

Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with Twin Cove Drive contingent upon the agreed upon contribution of \$3,000 toward construction cost and that low bidder Dodd Construction would still honor their bid. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 3 – 0.

### **Approval of February 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes**

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 3 – 0.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Mr. Carlton arrived at this time.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that if the Mewborn Road, Eagle Grove School Road, Liberty Church Road project was approved, HCWSA funds available would be negative since not enough SPLOST 5 funds have been collected yet at the Board's previously-agreed set-aside of \$160,000 per fiscal year for non-residential projects.

Mr. Carlton suggested decreasing the capital reserve fund in an effort to fund capital projects. Mr. Goran said he did not recommend doing that due to the approximately \$500,000 of annual depreciation expense.

## **Old Business**

### **2018 Community Development Block Grant project bid award**

Mr. Goran stated that all paperwork had been completed and that construction was scheduled to begin around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **GEFA radio-read retrofit and meter replacement project**

Mr. Goran recommended that the Board award the bid for the Radio Read Retrofit project to Utility Solutions of America of McDonough, GA. After some discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to adopt the resolution to award the construction contract to Utility Solutions of America. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

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

Several poultry farmers repeated their request for water service citing issues such as poor water quality. Mr. Goran had requested a proposal for engineering services from EMI and their proposal was not to exceed approximately \$48,000. Mr. Goran stated that the required combined commitment from the poultry operations would be approximately 5 million gallons per year to be financially equivalent to a residential project.

After much discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with engineering for this project. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

## **New Business**

### **Request for water service – Will Bailey Road, K-N-K Lane, Highland Ridge subdivision residents**

Mr. Chitwood requested water service for the Highland Ridge subdivision area citing past well and water quality issues.

Mr. Goran stated that after doing a very rough cost estimate a minimum of 30 signatures would be required to meet the cost per committed customer guidelines. He added that currently 16 signed commitment letters had been received.

After some discussion, the Board urged Mr. Chitwood to attempt to get more commitments and agreed to revisit this request at the next meeting.

### **Request for water service – Redwine Church Road residents**

The Board agreed to table this request since no representatives were in attendance.

## **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he would be out of town from Wednesday afternoon, March 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goran stated that he would be attending a Georgia Association of Water Professionals conference on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goran stated that the 2018 EPD required Water Loss Audit had been completed.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a customer request for a second leak adjustment within a 12 month period. The consensus of the Board was to not allow that.

## **Members' Comments**

Mr. Holland inquired about the status of the FY18 Financial Audit. Mrs. McBrayer stated that work on the FY18 Financial Audit would continue at the end of April.

## **Upcoming Meetings – April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>**

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4 - 0.

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary