

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting April 15, 2019

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on April 15th, 2019 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman 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; Incoming Board Member Bennie Harper; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Michael Isom; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer was absent.

Welcome

Mr. Goran introduced Mr. Bennie Harper as the incoming Board Member appointed to conclude Mr. Holland's tenure.

Mr. Goran presented Mr. Holland with a plaque in appreciation of his service as a Board Member and Officer.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

Mr. Harper stated that he was glad to be part of the Board and hoped to fill Mr. Holland's shoes to the best of his ability.

Approval of March 18th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the March 18th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the HCWSA Available Funds Sheet included the previously approved funding allocated for engineering for the potential Eagle Grove School, Mewborn Road, Liberty Church Road project. Mr. Goran explained that SPLOST 5 funds cannot be used until SPLOST 4 funds have been exhausted regardless of the Board's previous vote to use no more than 30% of SPLOST 5 funds for non-residential projects. Mr. Goran also stated that the funds allocated for the Twin Cove and Goldmine Village projects were also reflected.

Mr. Gordon added that all easements except one had been obtained for the Twin Cove project. Mr. Goran said he would follow up with Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Goran noted that the Past Due Accounts outstanding balance for this month after taking customer deposits into account was \$0.

Mr. Holland stated that he did not receive his March bill until March 20th which was the due date and suggested all customer late fees for March be waived. After some discussion, it was agreed that HCWSA staff would research what caused the delay and provide details at the next meeting.

Old Business

2018 Community Development Block Grant project

Mr. Goran informed that Board that Arrowood General Contracting will begin the 2018 CDBG project this month beginning with Target Area 4, which is Hanley Road, Reese Lane and Park Lane. Mr. Goran said that the 2018 CDBG project includes 5 different geographic areas and HCWSA will install service lines for each customer who has qualified for financial assistance. He noted the significant amount of time and work required by the HCWSA staff for a large project such as this.

Mr. Goran added that Arrowood General Contracting had begun the Bayview Road project on Monday.

GEFA radio-read retrofit and meter replacement project

Mr. Goran stated the project will begin shortly after receipt of the signed contract. Mr. Goran noted the reduced time to read meters and the improved safety conditions for the meter reader.

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

After some discussion, the Board agreed to wait before requiring signed commitments letters from the poultry farmers. Mr. Goran noted that it is difficult to provide an accurate cost estimate under current construction market conditions.

New Business

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

After some discussion, it was agreed to revisit this request at the next meeting.

Request for water service – Still Waters Road poultry operation

Mr. Goran stated that the requesting poultry farmer has 9 houses and had signed the standard minimum poultry commitment letter of 525,000 gallons per year. Mr. Goran reviewed the cost estimate of \$24,420.00 which he said would require 4 residential commitments to meet HCWSA's guidelines. To be financially equivalent the poultry operation would have to purchase 229,000 gallons per year assuming one 1-1/2" meter, but Mr. Goran added that the farmer intended to use a 2" meter with a higher base fee, thus reducing the required usage to 144,000 gallons per year to be equivalent to residential customers. Mr. Goran recommended requesting a formal proposal from Arrowood General Contracting.

Mr. Carlton suggested using HCWSA funds for this potential project.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this request at the next meeting and asked Mr. Goran to provide usage statistics from a comparable poultry operation.

Request for water service – Tree Lane

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a request for water on Tree Lane. He stated that Tree Lane was a private dead end road that would require multiple easements. Mr. Goran added that no commitment letters had been received. After some discussion, the Board directed Mr. Goran to send out commitment letters to each of the 7 parcel property owners and prepare a cost estimate. The Board agreed to revisit this request at the next meeting.

Ms. Brown informed the Board that she has been approached by Mr. TV Smith requesting water service for Whispering Creek Trail. She stated that it is a county road and her understanding was that there were 24 total lots and Mr. Smith owned 20 of them. Mr. Goran stated that he had spoken with a real estate agent earlier this week about a home on the same road.

Director's Comments

None

Members' Comments

Mr. Holland wished the Authority continued success in the future and stated that he had truly enjoyed his time serving on the Board.

Upcoming Meetings – May 20th and June 17th

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, May 20th, 2019 and Monday, June 17th, 2019.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary