

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting May 17, 2021

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on May 17th, 2021 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; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of April 19th regular meeting minutes

Ms. York motioned to approve the April 19th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the Financial Report. Mr. Goran asked Mr. Gordon if HCWSA could legally transfer a balance from an unpaid delinquent account to a currently active account for the same customer. Mr. Gordon stated that he felt comfortable with that course of action.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran stated that he now expected bids to go out in June.

Request for Water Service – Mount Olivet Road, Cleveland Mill Road, Pineview Lane, Oaktree Lane, Reno Drive

Mr. Goran stated that he now expected this project would be ready to go out to bid in August. The Board agreed to solicit and obtain bids before taking further action.

Sidney Pointe proposed annexation by City of Hartwell

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Hart County Board of Commissioners had voted to approve the annexation of Sidney Point contingent upon HCWSA retaining the retail water sales among other matters. He also said the Hartwell City Council would vote on the annexation request in early June.

New Business

Discussion of water and sewer service delivery territories, increasing development, potential annexation requests

The Board discussed increasing development within the county, potential annexation and the best way to preserve the currently agreed to service delivery territory.

Mr. Carlton stated that it would be important to work with the Board of Commissioners to retain retail water sales but we should be willing to negotiate sewer service.

Ms. York agreed with Mr. Carlton and suggested proceeding with small projects to extend existing water lines in anticipation of future development.

After some discussion, Ms. York motioned to proceed with extending HCWSA's existing water line from the intersection of Elizabeth Road along a portion of Parkdale Drive with a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Haley against.

Consideration of increasing "\$7,500 per committed customer" expenditure guideline

Mr. Carlton stated that the cost per committed customer should not be the only criteria considered when evaluating projects.

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

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran stated that a mandatory Open Records training would be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm in the lower meeting room at the Hart County Library facilitated by Commissioner Joey Dorsey.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that bids had been received for the Gateway III Sewer Spec Lift Station. He said that the apparent lowest bidder was Dale Construction. Mr. Goran added that the lift station would be paid for in full with Hart County Industrial Building Authority SPLOST 5 funds but would become a HCWSA asset when put in service.

Ms. York motioned to agree that HCWSA will be the contracting authority contingent on the fact that HCWSA have no direct expense in the construction and further agree that HCWSA will own, operate and maintain the lift station once installed. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Goran suggested following the Chamber of Commerce's lead and using the booster pump building on Bowersville Highway for a mural showing an agricultural or rural scene. The Board asked Mr. Goran to provide cost estimates at the next meeting.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water request for extending the existing water line on Blackmon Road and Bethany-Bowersville Road. No action was taken.

Members' Comments

Mr. Haley stated that he did not support the tap payment plan as an option for customers.

Upcoming Meetings – Monday, June 21st, 2021 and Monday, July 19th, 2021

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, June 21st, 2021 and Monday, July 19th, 2021 at the Authority's office.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary