

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 2019**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Board Members Patti Brown, Larry Haley, Bennie Harper and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Kim Higginbotham; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Michael Isom; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; and Hart County resident Joel Moore.

## **Welcome**

## **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Goran requested item 8A Request for water service – Union Hill Church Road poultry operations be removed from the agenda. He stated that the poultry farmers had decided to pursue filtration options to address their water quality issues.

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

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

Mr. Moore requested water service for Liberty Church Road. He stated his primary concerns was fire protection.

Mr. Carlton stated that the Board would take his request under advisement.

## **Approval of April 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes**

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

## **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted that HCWSA now has 2,000 active water accounts.

Mr. Goran noted the significant amount of staff time required to handle the large number of current projects that HCWSA has going on in various phases, not all of which are noted on the Available Funds sheets.

Mr. Goran reminded the Board that SPLOST 5 dollars, which would be collected over a six year period, would be a maximum of 3.2 million dollars. He encouraged the Board to keep in mind long term system expansion goals and hydraulics when considering which projects to do, in addition to project cost.

Mr. Goran asked for clarification regarding the previous 30% of SPLOST 5 dollars vote to be used for non-residential projects. Mr. Carlton clarified that the 30% pertained to SPLOST 5 dollars only and that SPLOST 4 and HCWSA Funds could be allocated as the Board decided. Additionally, Mr. Carlton noted that in the future it would be necessary to run main trunk lines to reach the more densely populated areas of the county.

## **Old Business**

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

Mr. Goran stated that Arrowood General Contracting would begin this project soon starting with Target Area 4, which is Hanley Road, Park Lane, and Reese Lane.

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

Mr. Goran stated that the pre-construction meeting had taken place on May 14<sup>th</sup> and work was tentatively scheduled to begin on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goran inquired if the Board would like to borrow more than the previously voted upon \$275,000. Mr. Goran said that he expected the project to exceed that amount by about \$25,000 and that GEFA had authorized borrowing up to \$365,000. Mr. Goran also noted the low interest rate provided by GEFA, but that the 40% principal forgiveness would not be available on borrowing above \$275,000.

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Goran stated that EMI had begun engineering for this proposed project.

### **Request for water service – Still Waters Road poultry operation**

Mr. Goran provided a cost estimate of \$24,420 and stated that the requesting poultry farmer had signed a standard poultry commitment letter. Mr. Goran recommended proceeding with this project.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to proceed contingent upon the cost not to exceed \$25,000 with the signed commitment letter. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0. The Board agreed to use SPLOST 4 funds for this project.

### **Request for water service – Tree Lane**

Mr. Goran stated that after much consideration, he could not recommend proceeding with this project. He said that as an alternative to installing 6” pipe and hydrants on this private dead end road, he had spoken to the property owner that was requesting service and they seemed agreeable to HCWSA placing a meter on Fred King Road and that they would obtain the necessary easements and install their service line.

The Board agreed with Mr. Goran’s recommendation.

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

Mr. Goran stated that no new information had been received and recommended removing this item from the agenda if no additional commitments are received. The Board agreed.

## **New Business**

None

## **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran requested authorization to research options for investment with the Georgia 1 Fund and purchasing cards for HCWSA staff. The Board approved further research.

Mr. Goran stated that the Bayview Road project had been completed and was in service. He also stated that the Goldmine Village project had been completed and would be in service soon.

## **Members' Comments**

None

## **Upcoming Meetings – June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>**

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **Adjournment**

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

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary