

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 2021

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on June 21st, 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 agenda. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of May 17th regular meeting minutes

Ms. York motioned to approve the May 17th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted that 20 new single taps in one month was the highest on record.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran stated that the 2020 CDBG project was currently out to bid with bids due noon, Tuesday, July 13th. Mr. Goran said that in light of pipe price increases and potentially limited material availability, there were several options to consider: (1) Do not do the project (2) Do not order project supplies immediately, hoping that the prices will decrease and negotiate with the contractor to pass along any savings to the Authority or (3) Do the project using the lowest bidder at current / bid prices. Mr. Goran asked Mr. Gordon to review if option 2 would be legal.

Mr. Haley voiced his concern regarding pipe availability. The other Board members agreed.

Mr. Goran asked the Board for direction on whether to apply for a 2022 CDBG grant and if so which areas to target. Mr. Carlton answered yes and suggested discussing potential target areas during the next meeting. Mr. Goran briefly explained the required procurement process for engineering and grant administration services.

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

Mr. Goran stated that EMI was currently working on a bid package to potentially solicit bids in late July.

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

After some discussion, no action was taken.

New Business

Request for water service – remainder of Blackmon Road, portion of Bethany – Bowersville Road

After some discussion, the Board agreed to table this request until there was a significant increase in the number or gallons of commitments and/or a significant decrease in pipe prices.

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the results of EPD’s Sanitary Survey of the Authority’s system which resulted in HCWSA being deemed an “outstanding performer”, meaning that EPD’s next review will be in 2026.

Mr. Goran discussed the pipe price quote from Core & Main, how much PVC pipe prices have increased over the past year, and the impact on estimates that were prepared some time ago.

Mr. Goran stated that the pipe price increase alone on the Bowersville Highway extension project to the Poultry Operation would raise the previously estimated price of \$74,000 by about \$29,000 and stated that other construction costs such as fuel for equipment has also increased substantially since last summer. After much discussion, Mr. Carlton motioned to proceed with the project contingent upon the project cost not exceeding \$100,000. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Justice opposed.

Members’ Comments

None

Upcoming Meetings – Monday, July 19th, 2021 and Monday, August 16th, 2021

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, July 19th, 2021 and Monday, August 16th, 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

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