

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting August 19, 2019**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on August 19<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 Walter Gordon; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Grayson Williams; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; and Hart County residents Kelli Head, Bud Klugh, Danny Lecroy, Steve Mize, Christy Moon, George Moon, Kevin McCraney, and Jayson Nguyen.

## **Welcome**

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Mr. Klugh requested water service for Bethany - Bowersville Road.

Mr. Lecroy requested water service for Tom Rice Road, Farm Road and Andrew Floyd Road for several residents and 2 poultry operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon requested water service for a parcel on Bowersville Highway which they planned to develop and place at least 8 trailers on the property over a period of time. Mr. Goran said that extending a 12” waterline to the property would cost in the vicinity of \$100,000.

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

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the July 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 this was the highest monthly water sales he could remember, due in part to Hartwell Energy’s higher than normal usage.

## **Old Business**

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

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Target Area #4 (Hanley Road, Park Lane, Reese Lane) and Target Area #5 (Green Meadows Drive) main lines had been completed. He said the contractor is now installing main lines in Target Area #3 (Kotal Road, Kotal Circle, Deer Run Lane area).

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

Mr. Goran stated that this project should be completed by the end of September, and noted the ongoing issues with the contractor.

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

Mr. Goran stated that EMI should complete the engineering drawings by the end of August and should have the required permits by the end of September.

Mr. Goran inquired if the Board would like to proceed with this project and place the project out for bid.

The Board asked Mr. Goran to follow up with Mr. Saxon and obtain commitment letters from the poultry farmers totaling 5,000,000 gallons per year from the combined poultry operations. It was suggested that the fairest way to divide the commitments up would be on a per poultry house basis.

No further action was taken.

**Request for water service – Whispering Creek Trail**

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Mr. Smith had requested this item be removed from this month's agenda.

**Request for water service – Bethany – Bowersville Road**

Mr. Goran reminded the Board that his cost estimate was about \$50,000.

After some discussion, Mr. Justice motioned to require residential commitment letters to state that the resident commits to pay the base fee for 10 years, which is subject to change, for vacant/land only parcels in which the commitment would be part of the property's deed and therefore would be transferred to any future purchaser(s) of the parcel if it remains vacant. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

The Board instructed Mr. Goran to work with Mr. Gordon to develop the 10 year commitment letter and to send them out to the property owners.

**Request for water service – Ray Johnson Road poultry operation**

No action

**Request for water service – Player's Lane**

No action

**2020 Community Development Block Grant**

Mr. Goran suggested that the Board vote to make a recommendation for grant writing and administrative services and engineering services to the Hart County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Justice motioned to recommend using Allen – Smith Consulting for the grant writing and administration portion and Engineering Management, Inc. for the engineering portion of the grant application process. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

## **New Business**

### **Request for water service – Bowersville Highway**

See Public Comments

### **Request for water – Uly White Road poultry operations**

Mr. Goran presented a cost estimate of \$94,400.50 which would require the poultry operation to commit to 1,147,000 gallons of water per year for 10 years.

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

### **Request for water service – Tom Rice Road, Farm Road, Andrew Floyd Road poultry operations, residents**

The Board asked Mr. Goran to present a cost estimate at the next meeting.

### **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he had received a water service request from 2 chicken farmers with 4 houses on Redwine Church Road about 1 mile from the end of HCWSA's line on Blackmon Road.

The Board asked Mr. Goran to present a cost estimate at the next meeting.

### **Members' Comments**

Mr. Carlton inquired if the digital mapping was up to date. Mr. Goran said it continues to be updated as new projects are added to the system.

### **Upcoming Meetings – September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>**

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary