

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting October 18, 2021

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on October 18th, 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 and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; Hart County residents Mike Ranel and Jamie Reesman. Board Member Patti York participated via phone.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

Mr. Reesman spoke on behalf of the Teasley Lane and Teasley Cove residents in support of the requested project.

Mr. Goran explained the need for easements for Teasley Cove since a portion of it is a private road.

Approval of September 20th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the September 20th regular meeting minutes. Ms. York seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He recommended transferring at least \$100,000 from the Pinnacle Operations account to the Georgia Fund 1 account since the interest accrues at a higher rate.

After some discussion, Mr. Justice motioned to transfer \$250,000 from the Pinnacle Operations account to the Georgia Fund 1 account. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran stated that construction had begun on Well Road and that he expected the project to take about 9 months to complete.

Review of 2022 Community Development Block Grant target area, including Mount Olivet Road, Cleveland Mill Road, Pineview Lane, Oaktree Lane, Reno Drive

Mr. Goran stated that Ms. Rachelene Johnson should begin collecting income surveys from residents this week and hoped to have the survey collection process complete by the end of December.

Request for Water Service – Teasley Cove, remainder of Teasley Lane

Mr. Goran reminded the Board that 7 commitment letters had been received and that the cost estimate totaled \$37,890.75, which met the cost per committed customer criteria. He recommended proceeding with this project.

After some discussion, Mr. Justice motioned to proceed with extending the water line to the end of both Teasley Lane and Teasley Cove using SPLOST 5 funds and Arrowood General Contracting at the proposed cost estimate. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

New Business

Annual Review of Board Members’ potential conflicts of interest

Mr. Goran asked each Board Member to complete and return the annual Conflict of Interest statement.

Director’s Comments

Mr. Goran stated that EMI continued to work on an application to the State of Georgia for State Fiscal Recovery Funds. He noted that a local match would be required and that the American Rescue Plan funds received by the County are allowed to be used for that purpose.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a recent inquiry about getting water on Hickory Crossing Road between Hodges Mill Road and Elberton Highway. He estimated the cost to be around \$280,000. Mr. Goran reminded the Board that commitment letters had been sent out in July 2020 that included that area and only 7 commitments had been received from Hickory Crossing Road. There was no action taken.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of 3 recent customer requests for non-leak balance adjustments and proposed adopting a policy that would waive the conservation rate for unintentional excessive usage.

Ms. McBrayer stated that she opposed this suggestion.

After some discussion, the Board consensus was not to adopt such a policy.

Members’ Comments

None

Upcoming Meeting – Monday, December 20th, 2021

After some discussion it was decided that there would be no November meeting. The next Board meeting will be held Monday, December 20th, 2021, at the Authority’s office.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary

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