

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority**

## **Board of Directors Meeting October 19, 2020**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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; and Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; Hart County Commissioner Ricky Carter; Hart County residents Brian Canady, Bobby Carson, Charles Corbett, Marvin Hill, Rachelene Johnson, Alton Johnson, and Randy Spires.

### **Welcome**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Carlton suggested amending the agenda to move item 8A to Public Comments. Mr. Harper motioned to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

### **Approval of September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes**

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

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

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board of the water quality issues in the Mt. Olivet Road and Cleveland Mill Road area. She also stated that many of her neighbors, including those present, were interested in connecting to county water and willing to sign commitment letters.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to send out commitment letters on a portion of Mt. Olivet Road, a portion of Cleveland Mill Road, a portion of Reno Drive, Pineview Lane and Oaktree Lane.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. Mr. Goran recommended depositing an additional \$350,000 into the Georgia Fund 1 account. After some discussion, Ms. Brown motioned to deposit an additional \$350,000 into the Georgia Fund 1 account. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

### **Old Business**

#### **Eagle Grove School Road Area project**

Mr. Goran provided a final cost breakdown for the Eagle Grove School Road project which totaled \$467,391.22. The Board agreed to remove this item from future meeting agendas.

#### **Request for water service – Elberton Highway poultry operation and area residences**

The Board agreed to remove this request from future agendas until a significant number of additional signed commitment letters were received.

### **Request for water service – Bio Church Road/McCurry Road**

The Board agreed to remove this request from future agendas until a significant number of additional signed commitment letters were received.

### **Request for water service – Haven Drive**

After some discussion, the Board asked Mr. Goran to ask the individual requesting water service to reach out to his neighbors to determine if they have interest as well.

### **Review and discussion of Authority rates and policies**

The Board discussed the local rate comparisons provided. Mr. Goran noted that HCWSA's overage rate was the lowest in the area and suggested that an increase in the future would be wise.

### **2020 Community Development Block Grant**

Mr. Goran stated that EMI would soon begin the engineering process.

### **New Business**

#### **Request for Water Service – Mount Olivet Road between Fred King Road and Cleveland Mill Road, including Pineview Lane**

See Public Comments

### **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran stated that the FY20 financial audit had begun.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Hartwell City Manager had reached out to him requesting that HCWSA buy more water from them. After some discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this request in the future.

### **Members' Comments**

None

### **Upcoming Meetings – Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## **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