

# **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority**

## **Board of Directors Meeting November 15, 2018**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Vice - Chairman Hugh Holland; Board Members Patti Brown and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Michael Isom; and Hart County resident Paul Martin. Mr. Haley was not in attendance.

### **Welcome**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

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

Mr. Martin inquired about the status of the 2018 CDBG project.

Mr. Goran answered that HCWSA had been awarded a \$750,000 grant for water system expansion in 5 separate geographical areas. Mr. Goran explained that bid requests were going out on Friday, November 16, 2018 and were due by noon on Thursday, December 20, 2018. Mr. Goran said that EMI will make a formal recommendation which would be announced at a bid award meeting to be scheduled. Mr. Goran estimated that construction will begin in late January or early February.

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

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the October 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. Mr. Goran informed the Board of continued research into the payroll taxes line item. Mr. Goran reminded the Board of the recent changes to the cut-off policy which resulted in the high number of customers on the cut-off list.

### **Old Business**

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

No action was taken.

### **Request for water service – Bowersville Highway, Twin Cove Drive, Elizabeth Road**

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the bids were requested from three contractors, that two bids were received for each project, and that all bids were higher than what he had estimated. Dodd Construction was the low bidder on each and Mr. Goran suggested discussing each project individually.

Mr. Goran stated that the low bid for Bowersville Highway was \$41,400. The Board had previously authorized spending up to \$30,000. Mr. Goran stated that Mr. Sanders, who had requested water service, would be willing to commit to 4 taps.

Mr. Goran stated that the low bid for Twin Cove was \$28,820. The Board had previously authorized spending up to \$20,900. Mr. Goran stated that three residents had signed commitment letters.

Mr. Goran stated that the low bid for Elizabeth Road, which included extending the water line to Liberty Hill Church Road, was \$53,020. The Board had previously authorized spending up to \$18,000 to extend the existing line a shorter distance from the Queen Circle intersection. Mr. Goran stated that the property owner who had requested water service would be willing to commit \$7,500 to the cost of construction and pay for three taps. Mr. Goran suggested completing the loop to Liberty Hill Church Road.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to authorize Mr. Goran to approach the requesting property owner regarding committing to three additional taps to meet the new project guidelines so that the line could be extended to Liberty Hill Church Road.

Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with the installation of 1,000' of water line on Elizabeth Road at a maximum expenditure of \$22,500 in HCWSA funds contingent on the property owner contributing \$7,500 to the cost of construction in addition to paying for three taps; he further motioned to extend the water line to Liberty Hill Church Road at a maximum expenditure of \$45,000 in HCWSA funds if the property owner committed to three additional taps. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

### **Bayview Road “subdivision”**

Mr. Goran informed the Board that two commitment letters had been received and a possible third from Lighthouse Cove may be received. He also stated that HCWSA's maintenance contractor's original bid did not include Lighthouse Cove. The Board agreed to request a bid from the maintenance contractor after the first of the year.

### **Freeman Drive “subdivision”**

The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting since no representatives were in attendance.

### **Demolition of out-of-service Royston Highway tank**

Mr. Goran stated that the tank demolition was in progress, but had been delayed due to weather conditions. He also informed the Board that a representative of the adjacent church had inquired about purchasing the land once the demolition was complete.

Mr. Gordon questioned if the County would share any proceeds from the potential sale of the property with HCWSA. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Goran will follow up with the County Administrator.

## **GEFA loan for radio-read retrofit and meter replacement**

Mr. Goran requested a motion from the Board to adopt a resolution to modify the GEFA loan agreement for the purpose of extending the project schedule. Mr. Holland so motioned and Ms. Brown seconded it. The motion passed 4 – 0.

## **New Business**

None

## **Director's Comments**

Mr. Goran stated that he had sent Hart County a formal letter as directed regarding suggested revisions to the County's subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of an invoice received from William O. Tucker Inc. for a repair made to a Paradise Water line off Lightwood Road. Mr. Holland asked Mr. Goran to request details from the owner and resolve all issues through legal counsel if necessary. The Board agreed.

## **Members' Comments**

Mr. Holland expressed his desire to see HCWSA funds for future line replacement to be specifically shown on future financial reports. The Board agreed to allocate \$500,000 to "Capital Reserves/Reserve for repair/replacement" or a similar appropriate name to be reflected on future reports.

## **Upcoming Meetings – December 17<sup>th</sup> and January ? (January 21<sup>st</sup>, third Monday, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Authority Holiday)**

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Board agreed to determine a January meeting date at the December meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn and Mr. Justice seconded it. The motion passed 4 - 0.

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Wade Carlton, Chairman

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Holly McBrayer, Secretary