

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2022

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on December 12th, 2022, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were Board Members Larry Haley, Bennie Harper, Marvin Justice, and Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Kim Higginbotham; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; Hart County residents Kim James and Scott Kibbey.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of October 17th regular meeting minutes

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

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Old Business

Discussion of water and sewer service delivery territories

Mr. Goran presented the current water and sewer service delivery territory maps along with the changes proposed by the City of Hartwell. He said that the service delivery agreement expired October 31st but that Hart County, Hartwell and Royston asked for an extension through June 2023, which the Georgia Department of Community Affairs agreed to.

Mr. Carlton motioned to recommend to the Hart County Board of Commissioners to keep the current service delivery territory maps as is with no changes. Mr. Justice seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

2020 Community Development Block Grant project update

Mr. Goran stated that “Last Chance” letters had been delivered with a deadline date of Friday, December 9th, 2022. He also stated that the grant funds have been exhausted and this item will no longer be on the agenda going forward.

Discussion of potential 2023 Community Development Block Grant target areas

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Allen-Smith Consulting would be conducting income surveys on Monday, December 19th.

New Business

Request for water service – Jones Bishop Road

Mr. Goran said this might be a good CDBG target area. After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

Suggested capital projects for Board consideration

Mr. Goran presented the fire flow test results that were performed for Hart County by an outside consultant. He added that the Authority generally works with EMI on proposed line extensions to ensure that hydrants flow at least 500 gallons per minute while maintaining 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure using EMI's hydraulic modeling software.

Mr. Goran presented the GEFA SFR Water Improvement Project loan application that included extending water lines into the Reed Creek area as well as an additional elevated tank. The cost estimate for this proposed project is \$4,985,000. He stated that the loan approval was a competitive process and results would not be announced until the end of January or the first of February. Mr. Goran said that if the loan was approved it could include up to 49% principal forgiveness.

Mr. Goran presented the Friendship Loop project due to some of the recently-installed hydrants barely meeting minimum fire flow results. He provided a cost estimate of \$104,665.

Mr. Goran presented the Milford Road project to help protect the Authority's service delivery territory. He provided a cost estimate of \$104,720.

Mr. Goran presented the Tom Rice Loop project which would reduce or eliminate flushing expense as well as eliminate two dead end lines. He provided a cost estimate of \$112,970.

Mr. Goran presented the Will Bailey/Highland Ridge subdivision project due to ongoing resident interest and number of residential homes. He provided a cost estimate of \$338,357.50.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to revisit these project proposals after the results of the GEFA loan application review had been announced.

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he would be on vacation from Thursday, December 15th until Tuesday, December 20th.

Members' Comments

Ms. York suggested having a work session to discuss potential capital projects.

Upcoming Meeting – January – TBD, February 19th

Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Board agreed to hold the next meetings on Thursday, January 19th, 2022, and Monday, February 20th, 2022.

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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