

**Hart County Water and Sewer Authority
Called Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2018**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on Thursday, August 20, 2018 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Present were Chairman Wade Carlton; Vice Chairman Hugh Holland; Board Members Patti Brown, Larry Haley, and Marvin Justice. Also present were Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Walter Gordon, Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer, and Hartwell Sun reporter Michael Isom.

Call to Order

Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion of potential rate increase and revisions to customer policies

Mr. Goran presented the potential rate increase and revisions to customer policies proposal to the Board.

After much discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to accept the proposed rates and policies recommended by Mr. Goran with the exception of the residential conservation rate, the non-residential overage rate and base fee waiver. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Haley motioned to increase the conservation rate for residential meters using over 10,000 gallons per month to \$5.10 per 1,000 gallons. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1. Mr. Justice opposed.

Mr. Carlton motioned to set rates at \$3.63 per 1,000 gallons from 0 to 1,000,000 gallons per meter, usage over 1,000,000 gallons to be \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons per meter, and elimination of the base fee waiver for non-residential customers. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 3 – 2. Mr. Holland and Mr. Justice opposed.

The Board agreed that all revisions would be effective for use beginning on October 1, 2018.

Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget

Mr. Goran presented the FY19 budget draft for approval. The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

2018 CDBG Grant Award

Mr. Goran informed the Board that HCWSA had been awarded the 2018 CDBG grant for \$750,000 for five distinct target areas. He suggested that HCWSA could contribute the required \$300,000 local funds using the remaining SPLOST 4 dollars. Mr. Goran recommended 3 loops to include with the bid package estimated to be about \$450,000. Mr. Goran stressed the importance of improving hydraulics and system operation and power cost savings.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to include the suggested loops in the bid package and decide on the project additions based on cost.

Other items as time allows

None

Adjournment

Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary/Treasurer