**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2016**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met January 14, 2016, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Vice Chairman Wade Carlton, members Larry Haley, Jerry Cannady, Mike MacNabb, Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle, Director Pat Goran, and Legal Counsel Walter Gordon present. Also present was Peggy Vickery of The Hartwell Sun and Hart County residents Gordon Stutts, Greg Stutts, Jim and Carolyn Martin, Robert Maynard, Billy and Julia Herring, Howard and Merlene Sheriff, Scott Smith, and Lonnie Unruh.

Approval of agenda

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Introduction of, and remarks by, invited guests

Mr. Herring asked the Board to consider getting water to his property on Lankford Rd.

Mr. Smith spoke about using HCWSA water at his farm on Mouchet Rd. He further said he was planning an 110,000 sq. ft. addition. He discussed committing to using 2.5 million gallons of water each year and understood that he might have to make a written commitment. Mr. Goran explained that this project would cost approximately $250,000 with installation and engineering. The Board asked to send out commitment letters in the area to determine the interest.

Approval of December 21st regular meeting minutes

Mr. Haley made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Old business

Rock Springs area project

After some discussion, Mr. Cannady made a motion to approve installing waterlines on Panorama Dr., Delta Way, Wren Rd., and Heathwood Cir. Mr. MacNabb seconded it. Mr. Goran explained that Delta Way, Wren Rd. and Heathwood Cir. were not part of the scope of the contract with Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. Thus additional engineering would need to be done and Arrowood would not have to honor his prices in the contract. Also Heathwood Cir and part of Wren Rd are private roads thus easements would need to be obtained before installation could begin. Finally, since this project is begin funded through GEFA, HCWSA would need to get approval from GEFA to expand the scope of the project. Then, Mr. Cannady amended his motion to proceed with installing waterlines of Panorama Dr. Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Goran agreed to have the necessary information at the next Board meeting regarding the costs for installing waterlines on Delta Way, Wren Rd, and Heathwood Cir and GEFA’s response to increasing the scope of the project.

Reed Creek Phase II (2015 Community Development Block Grant) project

Mr. Goran explained that since the construction bid was less than estimated in the application, HCWSA will need to expand the scope of the project to ensure receiving the entire $500,000 grant. Mr. Goran asked if the Board had a preference to which roads in the area and the Board agreed that if possible they would like to extend the waterline further on Reed Creek Highway.

Request for water service - Woodland Drive

Mr. Unruh asked the Board to consider extending a waterline on Woodland Dr. to his property where he plans to build 6-plex apartment building. The Board asked for a minimum of 12 committed customers before it would consider this and suggested Mr. Unruh talk to more of his neighbors about connecting.

Status of proposed Hartwell, Royston sewage treatment agreements

Mr. Goran updated the Board that the agreement with the city of Hartwell was still being reviewed by the city’s attorney. Mr. Goran informed the Board that Mr. Cannady and he had met with the city manager and water superintendent of Royston regarding an agreement. They said they would present to their water committee for review.

New business

Discussion of non-payment on tap installment plans

Mr. Gordon agreed to draft some additional wording in the tap payment plan agreement about the remaining balance of loan being due if an account becomes past due.

Bowersville Highway Waterline Extension

Mr. Holland asked Mr. Goran to send out letters to the property owners along Bowersville Highway from Airline School Rd. to Lankford Rd. to see how much interest there is in that area of the county.

Public comments

Mr. Stutts questioned the amount of water the City of Hartwell is allowed to withdraw from Hartwell Lake. Mr. Gordon explained how they did not have a permit but had riparian rights as they withdrew water from the creek before the lake existed.

Mr. Stutts also asked if the contractor in the Rock Springs area would be establishing water service in phases or once all waterlines were installed. Mr. Goran explained that HCWSA currently plans on providing water service in phases.

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran asked for any comments regarding the work order list.

Members’ comments

Mr. Haley asked if HCWSA could expect an increase in the water rate from the City of Lavonia since they are increasing their rates to their customers. Mr. Goran explained how increases can occur per the contract with the City of Lavonia.

Mr. Holland clarified that any Board member can submit items to be on the agenda; they just needed to be submitted at least one week prior to the meeting. Mr. Holland also commented about Mr. Goran going out of town when Mrs. Breffle was already on vacation plus the office was closed during regular business hours. Further he stated that Mr. Goran needed to inform the Board at least one month prior to him taking vacation.

The Board agreed to have a called meeting on February 11th at 6 pm to discuss “Reorganization of HCWSA”.

Adjournment

Mr. Cannady made a motion to adjourn and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

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