**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting February 17, 2014**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met February 17, 2014, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Vice Chairman Michael Partlow, Members Wade Carlton, Larry Haley and Mike MacNabb, Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Walter Gordon, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle present. Also present were Lake Morris of *The Hartwell Sun*, MJ Kneiser of WLHR, Hart County Commissioner Joey Dorsey, Hart County Fire Chief Jerry Byrum, Jerry Hood and Russ Brink of EMI, and Hart County residents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHenry, Robert Maynard, Clay Coley, Rich Reckdenwald, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Helland, Rick Kruse, Joel Moore, and Jerry Cannady.

Approval of agenda

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

Introduction of, and remarks by, invited guests

Mr. Martin requested the Board consider running waterline into the Rock Springs area from the end of the Authority’s current line on Walters Road to Panorama Drive, Lakeview, Chateau Estates, and other surrounding roads. He explained the need for fire protection with a current ISO rating of 9 in his area. He stated there were over 350 homes in the described area. He offered his assistance in getting his neighbors to sign up for water service if available in their area.

Approval of January 13th meeting minutes

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

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. Mr. Carlton expressed his concern about the restricted funds and Mr. Goran explained that he could request that the Board of Commissioners shift SPLOST 4 funds among HCWSA’s capital projects.

Old business

Pioneer Rural Water District request for temporary Hartwell Lake raw water allocation

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to remove the item from the table from the previous meeting. Mr. Partlow seconded it. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. MacNabb made a motion to reject Pioneer Rural Water District’s request for use of the allocation at any price or at any time, and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Bethany Church Area 2014 GEFA project (formerly known as "availability of GEFA loan funds with 25% principal forgiveness")

After some discussion regarding specific streets for this project, Mr. MacNabb made a motion to proceed with part 2 of the application for this loan with principal forgiveness. Mr. Partlow seconded it. The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Haley opposed.

Nancy Hart School Road Area 2013 CDBG project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the progress of this project.

Lightwood Road project

Mr. Goran stated that construction would start Monday, February 24, 2014.

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Brink updated the Board on the progress of permitting and that Mr. Goran still needed to contact the Railroad Company regarding a permit to cross the railroad tracks. He further stated that the bids for the waterline work would be ready to go out to bid in 14-21 days. Mr. Goran, representatives from Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc., representatives from GEFA, and Mr. Brink will meet on February 20, 2014, for the preconstruction meeting where the notice to proceed will be signed and that the project should be completed in 9 months.

Additional connection to City of Hartwell's water system near trestle bridge

Mr. Brink updated the Board on the design of these waterlines, valves, and necessary vaults. He stated they were trying to design it to minimize the need for easements and also to avoid the current gas lines. The waterline design and permitting would be completed in the next 30 days.

Policy on tap payment timing on small projects

Mr. Carlton asked to remove “discounted under construction” and “non-discounted” for the presented policy. Thus the policy will state “On potential waterline installation projects for which commitments have been received from ten or less customers, all payments for taps must be received in advance of the Authority signing a construction contract for the installation of the waterlines and appurtenances. A tap payment shall be considered received if the customer pays the tap fee in effect, or pays the initial installment for the current tap fee using the payment plan option.” Mr. Haley made a motion to accept the new policy as revised and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

New business

Authority position on using SPLOST water funds for sewerage

The Board agreed that economic development SPLOST funds should fund sewerage improvements needed in the Gateway Parks as had occurred in the past and that HCWSA’s SPLOST allocation should be used for drinking water. Mr. Holland made a motion for Mr. Goran to meet with members of the Board of Commissioners and discuss the SPLOST funds. Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Public comments

None

Director’s comments

None

Members’ comments

Mr. Partlow informed the Board that he was not seeking reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Haley commented regarding hiring additional help. He also commented regarding getting the new connection to the City of Hartwell started soon.

Mr. Holland relayed comments from a future customer who thanked the Board for the Lightwood Road project.

Adjournment

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Carlton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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