**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

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

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met March 17, 2014, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Services Building. Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Members Wade Carlton, Larry Haley and Mike MacNabb, Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Walter Gordon, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle present. Also present were Mark Hynds of *The Hartwell Sun*, Russ Brink of EMI, and Hart County residents Rich Reckdenwald, Jerry Cannady, Jim McCormick, and Mike Buckel.

Approval of agenda

Mr. Holland asked that item “Lightwood Road project (including Paradise Point Water)” be moved to the end of Old Business and that an Executive Session for Real Estate be added to the agenda. Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve the revised agenda and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 3-0.

Introduction of, and remarks by, invited guests

Mr. Buckel commented that HCWSA should not spend more than $10,000 for the water system in York Shores because of its age, potential high maintenance costs, and the additional costs needed to install hydrants and tracer wire. He was in favor of purchasing the system to get water service sooner to the residents of York Shores. Mr. McCormick commented about the smell of his water in York Shores subdivision and recommended HCWSA install all new waterlines.

Approval of February 17th meeting minutes

Mr. Haley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 3-0.

Financial report

Mr. Carlton arrived during this part of the meeting.

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. The Board asked Mr. Goran to request $200,000 of SPLOST 4 funds be reallocated from the Nancy Hart School Area Project to the Lightwood Rd. project.

Old business

Nancy Hart School Road Area 2013 CDBG project

Mr. Goran presented an update of construction progress on this project. Mr. Goran asked for comments regarding Mr. Charles Wood’s email to the Board regarding tap fees. The Board to make no changes to the current tap fees. Mr. Goran explained he had been contacted regarding extending the new waterline off Whippoorwill Tr. onto Deep Woods Rd for approximately 1200 feet because of at least one contaminated well and possibly others. There are potentially 6 new customers with a cost of approximately $15,000. Mr. Haley suggested installing 2” waterline to get them service and Mr. Goran stated that eventually HCWSA would want fire protection on the entire road including the wildlife management area. The Board agreed for Mr. Goran to investigate grant funding with the immediate threat and danger grant or other possible grants and possible cost sharing with the Department of Natural Resources or others. The Board asked for a proposal regarding costs and grants at the next meeting.

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the installation of the tank. He further asked for the Board’s recommendation regarding the color options and lettering/wording on the tank for the next meeting. The Board agreed to have at least HCWSA’s name on the tank. Mr. Brink updated the Board that the waterline work had been re-permitted and was ready to go out to bid.

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

Mr. Brink informed the Board that all necessary permits were submitted and they were waiting on any comments from GDOT and EPD before opening work for bids. The Board agreed for Mr. Goran to pursue the necessary easement before construction was opened to bids.

Lightwood Road project (including Paradise Point Water)

Mr. Goran updated the Board regarding the waterline installation. Mr. Goran also updated the Board regarding the delay in getting an easement from the Corps of Engineers which is in the right of way of Lightwood Road. Mr. Goran explained that the Corps’ current position is they will only grant easements if there is no viable alternative which in this case would be using condemnation on private property.

New business - none

Public comments

None

Executive Session-Real Estate

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to enter executive session and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to exit executive session and Mr. Carlton seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Haley left the meeting.

Mr. Carlton made a motion to offer Paradise Point Water Company $20,000 for the easements and associated waterlines in the York Shores subdivision and offer them the opportunity to perform adjustments to waterlines if at a competitive price and the offer is contingent on all waterlines passing a pressure test and Paradise Point Water Company is responsible for repairing any property damaged by the testing. Mr. MacNabb seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that EMI had submitted Part 2 of the GEFA loan application with principal forgiveness for the Bethany area for

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Lavonia had resubmitted for the two grants on behalf of Hart County for the northern trunk sewer and that the project would require approximately $295,000 in matching funds. Furthermore, Lavonia believes Hart County should pay the majority of these matching funds.

Members’ comments

Mr. Holland presented his job description for HCWSA’s director position and asked for comments from Mr. Goran and the Board. He asked for this to be added to next month’s Board meeting agenda for any further discussion and finalization.

Adjournment

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Carlton seconded it. The motion passed 3-0.

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Hugh Holland, Chairman Kathy Breffle, Secretary/Treasurer

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