**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2016**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met February 15, 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 Hart County residents Dick Edwards, Farris Allen, and Scott Smith.

Approval of agenda

Mr. Cannady made a motion to add Meter Reading/GEFA loan to the agenda under new business. Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 4-0. The Board agreed to add Job Description to the agenda after Public comments. Mr. Haley made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of January 14th regular meeting minutes

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Financial reports

Mr. Goran presented the financial reports.

Mr. Carlton arrived during this discussion.

Old business

Rock Springs area project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the construction progress and about encountering rock on Walters Rd. Mr. Goran explained that a resident on Harvey Ln asked about sharing the cost of installing a waterline on Harvey Ln which is off Chateau Estates Rd. The Board agreed to not consider cost sharing for installation of waterlines. Mr. Cannady made a motion to proceed with installing a waterline on Delta Way. Mr. Carlton seconded it. The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Haley and Mr. Holland opposed. Mr. Goran asked for the ability to proceed with legal counsel’s concurrence to condemn any properties where he could not receive an easement. Mr. Cannady made said motion and Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion failed 2-3 with Mr. MacNabb, Mr. Haley, and Mr. Carlton opposed.

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

Mr. Goran informed the Board that there would be a pre-construction meeting on February 17.

Status of proposed Hartwell, Royston sewage treatment agreements

Mr. Cannady made a motion to send a revised agreement to the City of Hartwell. Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. MacNabb abstaining. Mr. Goran updated the Board that the city of Royston discussed this at their February meeting and they planned to have a final version for review before their March meeting.

New business

Meter Reading/GEFA loan

Mr. Cannady presented the information that HCWSA had been approved for another GEFA loan for $275,000 with 40% principal forgiveness. Mr. Goran explained that it would cost an additional $13,000-$14,000 to complete Part 2 of the GEFA application. Mr. Cannady made a motion to proceed with the GEFA loan with principal forgiveness. The Board agreed to discuss at the March meeting after Mr. Goran presented the exact details of all costs. Mr. Cannady withdrew his motion and asked to add this item to the March meeting agenda.

Request for water service – Mouchet Road chicken farmer

Mr. Smith requested water be extended to his chicken houses on Mouchet Rd. Based on the construction cost estimate from EMI and using the $5000 per committed customer guideline, this project would require 70 commitments. HCWSA has received 7 commitments. Thus Mr. Smith would need to commit to usage of 63 residential customers which would be slightly more than 3 million gallons per year. In return for water service, he agreed to purchase a minimum of 2.5 million gallons per year.

Request for water service – Christmas Tree Road

Mr. Cannady made a motion to proceed with this project and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Request for water service – Bowersville Highway / Lankford Road

Mr. Holland commented that there were not enough commitments to justify this project.

Request for water service – Clay Brown Road chicken farmer

Mr. Cannady made a motion to proceed with the project and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of SPLOST 5 request for funding

The Board agreed to draft a response asking for a portion of SPLOST 5 exclusively for drinking water.

Public comments

None

Job Description

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to get copies of the Hart County job descriptions for Grades 15-30.

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he may be out of town on March 1-2 to attend a conference and that he would be on vacation from March 16-20.

Members’ comments

Mr. Cannady updated the Board that he was working EMI and a local person to getting a current map of the entire system with waterlines, valves, and hydrants. Mr. Cannady also questioned Pat about why there did not appear to be any progress with completing work orders. Mr. Holland also commented that the Board had approved Mr. Goran to use outside labor to assist with issue if needed to get the work orders completed.

Mr. Haley asked Mr. Goran to investigate the uneven pavement on Mt. Hebron Rd and see about getting fixed.

Mr. MacNabb left at this point in the meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Carlton made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

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