**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2014**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met May 19, 2014, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Services Building. Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Member Wade Carlton, Member Larry Haley, Member Mike MacNabb, Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Kim Higginbotham, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle present. Also present were Mark Hynds of *The Hartwell Sun* and Hart County resident Jerry Cannady.

Approval of agenda

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

Approval of March 17th regular, April 11th called, May 9th called meeting minutes

Mr. Haley arrived during this part of the meeting. Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve all the minutes and Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financials for April 2014.

Old business

Nancy Hart School Road Area 2013 CDBG project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the progress of this project. He also informed the Board that he had spoken with a representative of the Wildlife Management Area and they were not interested in contributing financially to the extension of the waterline on Deep Woods Rd where a resident claims his well is containinated because of a beaver dam in the wildlife management area. They do not feel the beaver dam and pond in the wildlife management area is the cause of the contamination. The Board asked Mr. Goran to assist the resident in proving what caused the damage to the well.

Lightwood Road project

Mr. Goran updated the Board that Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. has installed waterlines approximately 2000’ beyond Gordon’s Marine. He also informed the Board that Arrowood is still waiting on the US Army Corps of Engineers easement before installing the waterlines on their property.

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Goran updated the Board on the progress of the tank. Mr. Goran presented Mr. Brink’s, of EMI, suggestion to save money on the waterline part of the project by using thinner walled PVC pipe which would be save approximately $110,000. After some discussion, Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve the change order for the thinner walled pipe, and Mr. Carlton seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Goran presented the color samples for the water tank. After some discussion, Mr. Carlton made a motion to paint the tank Tnemec color “tank white”. Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Carlton asked Mr. Goran to confirm that the tank would be structuraly sound with the ability to attach antennas to the roof.

Mr. Goran presented the option to purchase an approximately 30’x 50’ parcel of land on Lavonia Hwy for the booster pump station to fill the new water tank with water from the Gateway Tank at a cost of $3000 plus closing costs and legal expenses. Mr. Carlton made a motion to proceed and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Haley opposed.

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

Mr. Goran discussed the different cost options with the different types of booster pumps at the new connection to the City of Hartwell. The Board agreed that they had voted and approved the project to have the ability to fill the new Airline Tank with water from the City of Hartwell. The Board urged Mr. Goran to proceed with this project as soon as possible.

Requests for water service – Weaver Trail

Mr. Goran informed the Board that there were four requests for water service on Weaver Trail and the approximate cost would be $18,000. The Board agreed that this project was within the director’s scope of projects and can proceed without Board approval.

New business

Request for fire hydrant(s) – Spencer Lane / Golfview Drive

Mr. Goran explained that the current waterline on Spencer Lane was installed by the City of Hartwell and was only a 3” waterline. He estimated the cost to install 6” waterline on a portion Spencer Lane and install fire hydrants would be approximately $30,000-$35,000. The Board agreed at this time to not take any action.

Authority Director job description

Mr. Goran presented his details of the Director’s job descripton. Mr. Holland asked the Board to review for the next meeting and for an executive session to be added to the July meeting agenda for a performance review of the director.

Public comments

None

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran presented the three options and cost estimates for the issue with HCWSA’s waterline on Hwy 51/Reed Creek Hwy where the sink hole under the road is. Mr. Goran also informed the Board that Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has agreed to pay for Option A-temporarily relocating the waterline. The Board agreed on option A with a cost of over $179,000 with a temporary placement of the waterline until GDOT has fixed the roadway. Option C would install approximately two miles permanent new waterlines on Boat Rd, Mt. Hebron Rd, Parham Rd, and Reed Creek Hwy. The Board agreed that if GDOT would contribute a majority of the cost of this option then it might be considered. Mr. Goran said he would be meeting with GDOT again later in the week to see about the options.

Members’ comments

Mr. Haley questioned why only a few customers were connected on Liberty Hill Church Rd and none on Whippoorwill Trail. Mr. Goran explained that Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. was waiting on him to meet with the new customers about their meter placements and connections to their homes.

Adjournment

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

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Hugh Holland, Chairman Kathy Breffle, Secretary/Treasurer

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