**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting July 20, 2015**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met July 20, 2015, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Vice Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with members Mike MacNabb, Jerry Cannady, Larry Haley, Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle, Director Pat Goran, and Legal Counsel Walter Gordon present. Also present were Vivian Morgan of The Hartwell Sun and Hart County residents Gordon Stutts and the Duello Family. Chairman Hugh Holland was absent.

Approval of agenda

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

Remarks by invited guests

Mrs. Duello expressed her concern for the quality of the water from the community well at her house on Hodges Ln. She also presented a bag containing an orange jell like substance that came from her whole house water filter. The Board suggested she contact her water provider regarding performing additional testing of the well to ensure the safety of the drinking water.

Approval of June 15th regular meeting minutes

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

Financial report

Mr. Cannady made a motion to accept the financial report and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Old business

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Goran presented the letters being sent to the customers whose pressure will increase once the Airline Tank is in service. The letter explains the increase in the pressure and that the customer is responsible for any damage to their waterlines or property caused by the increase in pressure.

Bethany Church area project

Mr. Goran announced that Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. had begun the construction on this project. Mr. Haley informed the Board that he had received a complaint regarding the placement of a hydrant on Bert Moorhead Rd. Mr. Goran agreed to speak with the property owner regarding the hydrant.

Rock Springs area project

Mr. Goran explained that hopefully in the next two weeks Phase 1 of the project would be out to bid.

Mt. Hebron Road water line extension

Mr. Goran explained that the waterline installation on this project was complete and that Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. still had some final clean up to complete on the road.

Cromer Road project

Mr. Goran reported that Arrowood General Contracting, Inc. had installed the waterline and taps for this project and would have the testing completed by the end of the week. He further informed the Board that the chicken farmer and residential customers would be able to start using water by the end of the week.

Review and discussion of Authority rates and policies

The Board agreed to move this item to the August meeting.

Annual review of “Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies and Procedures”

The Board agreed to move this item to the August meeting.

New business

Request for water service- Mouchet Road chicken farmer

Mr. Goran asked for this item to be moved to the August meeting.

Request for discounted tap fee

The Board discussed and had no desire to change the current policy.

Discussion of conflict of interest policy

After some discussion, the Board agreed to discuss this in the August meeting after Mr. Gordon had time to review.

Discussion of procurement policy

The Board agreed to discuss this item in the August meeting.

Public comments

Mr. Gordon reported on the litigation matter in magistrate court.

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran reported that the radio read transmitters would be installed by the end of the week. Mr. Cannady asked Mr. Goran to research about the GEFA loan/principal forgiveness possibility for purchasing the additional radio read transmitters and the necessary equipment to convert all meters to radio read. Mr. Goran also reported that there are now 1500 active meters.

Members’ comments

Mr. Cannady reported that he had met with EMI and Hart County’s GIS coordinator regarding mapping of HCWSA waterlines, valves, and meters.

Mr. MacNabb asked Mr. Goran about the hiring of the part time person. He responded that he had received multiple resumes but had not started any interviews yet.

Adjournment

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

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Wade Carlton, Vice-Chairman Kathy Breffle, Secretary/Treasurer

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