**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting August 18, 2014**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met August 18, 2014, 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, Member Larry Haley, Member Mike MacNabb, Member Jerry Cannady, Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Walter Gordon, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle present. Also present were Lake Morris of The Hartwell Sun, Russ Brink and Jerry Hood of EMI, Hart County Commissioner Joey Dorsey HCWSA’s auditors Alicia Burch and Karen Crooms, GA state senator candidate Brenda Jordan, and Hart County residents Mr. and Mrs. Greg Fleming.

Approval of agenda

Mr. Holland added Director’s job description to the agenda under Old Business. Mr. MacNabb made a motion to approve the revisions and Mr. Carlton seconded it. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Goran asked that Potential Real Estate Issues be added to Executive Session. Mr. Cannady made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Fiscal year 2013 audit

Mr. Haley and Mr. Gordon arrived during this part of the meeting.

Mrs. Burch presented the FY 13 audit.

Approval of July 21st regular meeting minutes

Mr. Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Cannady abstaining because he was not present at the July meeting.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Old business

Nancy Hart School Road Area 2013 CDBG project

Mr. Goran updated the Board that all waterlines on county and state roads had been completed and that waterlines still needed to be installed on the private roads once easements were acquired, and that he still needed to meet with approximately 40 more customers about their meter and waterline installation.

Lightwood Road project

Mr. Goran informed the Board that all waterlines had been installed and tested. All but approximately three taps are completed. Mr. Haley questioned the installation of the waterline on E. Nannie Road where there were no customers.

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Brink reported that the paint crew for the tank should begin the 3rd or 4th week of August and that their pipe installation crew was working currently. The third logo on the tank would cost an additional $5650 and the Board agreed to remain with the contracted two logos on the tank. Issues that still need to be resolved with this project are the railroad crossing, booster pump design, and SCADA system design.

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

The waterline is installed for this project and HCWSA is waiting on the master meter vault which should be installed by August 22. Also, the additional valve needed at the corner of Beacon Light Road and Bowersville Highway will be installed Wednesday night / early Thursday morning. Also, during the week of August 25th, the PRV will be relocated from Lavonia Highway to Bowersville Highway where it will be reset to slightly less than Hartwell’s water pressure to allow Hartwell water to feed all of the customers in the Mt. Olivet / Reed Creek Area. Mr. Goran informed the Board that this project wbe complete by August 27th.

Request for water service – Mt. Hebron Road chicken farmer(s)

Mr. Goran explained that based on his cost estimate of $60,000 for the construction to the first chicken farm, the Board would require 12 residential customers. Then based on an average of 4000 gallons per residential household, the chicken farmer would need to commit to 576,000 gallons of water purchased per year. After some discussion, Mr. Cannady made a motion for Mr. Goran to present to the chicken farmer the necessary gallons commitment and if they agreed to commitment to proceed with the project. Mr. Cannady also motioned that they needed to commit the same minimum number of years as previous chicken farmers had. Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Carlton and Mr. Haley opposed.

2014 GEFA project (formerly known as “Bethany Church Area 2014 GEFA project”)

Mr. Goran explained that the GEFA Board is reviewing HCWSA’s application for a $2 million loan with 25% principal forgiveness. Mr. Hood presented a potential area based on previous Board meeting discussions. Mr. Hood suggested surveying the area and based on interest in the area the project area could be reduced. The Board asked Mr. Goran to send out letters to the potential area about interest in getting water; then for Mr. Goran to present the results and recommended specific roads for this project.

Director’s job description

Mr. Holland presented his changes to the job description. Mr. Holland made a motion to amend the job description and Mr. Haley seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

New business

2015 Community Development Block Grant application

Mr. Hood presented a possible project area on Reed Creek Highway and a few of the roads off Reed Creek Highway. Mr. Goran agreed to present more specifics about this potential project at the September meeting.

Proposed fiscal year 2015 operating budget

After some discussion, no action was taken.

Review and discussion of Authority rates and policies

After some discussion, Mr. Cannady made a motion to lower the tap fees to $800 during construction and $900 outside of construction areas. Mr. MacNabb asked for updated costs of taps and a list of what surrounding counties and cities charge for taps. Mr. Cannady withdrew his motion.

Mr. Carlton made a motion to change the policy to “HCWSA will not under any circumstances furnish water free of charge to any location or for any purpose, except for actual fire-fighting, fire-fighting training, and hydrant testing”. Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Public comments

Mr. Fleming offered to help survey residents in his neighborhood to see about their interest in water in their area.

Ms. Jordan asked the Board if they had considered the environmental impact Plant Vogtle will have on Hartwell Lake.

Mr. Dorsey voiced his support of getting water to the Bethany area. In addition, he spoke on behalf of Mr. Terrell Partain, Hart County EMS supervisor, regarding using permanent welded communication antennas on the Airline Tank and not using magnets. He asked for Mr. Goran to meet with Mr. Partain regarding this. Mr. Holland made a motion to allow Hart County to weld any antennas to the Airline Tank and Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran updated the Board that there are currently 1300 customers. He further stated that the Authority had not received any taste and odor complaints lately.

Members’ comments

Mr. Cannady handed out a spreadsheet about hiring an installation crew. He asked to add this item to the September agenda. He also asked to add a sewer master plan to the September agenda.

Upcoming meetings **–** September 15th, October 20th

Executive session – Director performance appraisal and potential real estate issues

Mr. Holland made a motion to proceed into executive session and Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. MacNabb made a motion to exit executive session and Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

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

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