**Hart County Water & Sewer Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting November 10, 2014**

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met November 10, 2014, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Hugh Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Members Mike MacNabb, Jerry Cannady, Larry Haley, Director Pat Goran, Legal Counsel Walter Gordon, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Breffle present. Also present were Mark Hynds of The Hartwell Sun, Russ Brink and Jerry Hood of EMI, and many Hart county residents representing the Rock Springs and Hanley Road areas of Hart County. Vice Chairman Wade Carlton was absent.

Approval of agenda

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

Introduction of, and remarks by, invited guests

Mr. Gordon Stutts spoke requesting HCWSA consider extending waterline to his area of Rock Springs including YW Vickery Road, Alderman Lane, Tugaloo Heights Circle, and Mountain View Lane. He explained the need in his area where there are abandoned structures because of the lack of water and homes sharing water from a single well by running garden hoses between the homes. Mr. Stutts explained that he had gone door to door with a petition and in only two weeks had already received over 50 signatures requesting water.

Mrs. Trudy Brock spoke asking HCWSA to extend waterlines from Royston Highway to Hanley Road, Reese Lane, and Park Lane. She further informed the Board that she had already collected 19 letters of interest from residents in the area. The total distance of waterline would be approximately 1 mile if installed on all three roads.

Approval of October 20th 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. After some discussion regarding buying equipment, Mr. Holland asked for that item to be put on next meeting’s agenda.

Old business

Airline area water tank / connector project

Mr. Goran updated the Board that Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc. was performing the final pressure tests and should be completed next week. He also stated that the tank was being painted.

Mr. Holland made a motion to authorize HCWSA to purchase the property on Hwy 51/Bowersville Hwy for $6000 total for the booster pump station. Mr. Cannady seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the selection committee had selected SyncroFlo of Norcross, GA for the two pump stations. The notice of award was signed and delivery should be expected in late March. Mr. Goran explained that SyncroFlo’s had an extended construction time for a metal building vs. a fiberglass building. The Board agreed for Mr. Goran and Mr. Brink to decide about a fiberglass building if it would not increase the cost.

2014 GEFA project

Mr. Goran recommended the Board approve the construction of the waterlines in the Bethany area and proceed with the project with funding from GEFA. Mr. Holland made a motion to proceed with the engineering per EMI’s November 4, 2014 proposal and Mr. MacNabb seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

After some discussion regarding extending waterlines in the Rock Springs area, Mr. Holland asked EMI to analyze alternate routes to get to the area, including Mt. Hebron Road, Will Bailey Road, and from the Crossroads area. EMI agreed to present this at the next meeting.

2015 Community Development Block Grant application

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Mr. Cannady was still working on the household income surveys for this project but should be complete soon.

New business

Request for water service – Roper Road chicken farmer

Mr. Goran explained he had been approached by someone who is looking to purchase property on Roper Road and build 2-4 chicken houses. He stated that HCWSA would only need to extend its waterline approximately 2000’ at a cost of around $40,000. He further stated the potential property owner was willing to commit to a minimum annual usage. The Board directed Mr. Goran to not proceed until the property had been purchased and construction of the chicken houses had begun.

Recommended policy revision – customer late fees

Mr. Goran asked the Board to change the late fee policy so instead of HCWSA charging the late fee on a customer’s entire outstanding balance, HCWSA would only charge the late fee on the current month’s balance. The Board stressed the importance of following all of HCWSA’s policies. Mr. Cannady made a motion to change the policy and Mr. Holland seconded it. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Cannady asked Mr. Goran to present a monthly report to them showing his progress.

Public comments

None

Director’s comments

Mr. Goran asked Mr. Gordon to present his findings regarding keeping customer deposits separately and Mr. Gordon stated that until he had an answer that is was fine to have the monies in two accounts.

Mr. Goran also informed the Board that because of the current GEFA loan of over $500,000 of federal funds, HCWSA would have a “single audit” performed by Burch, Crooms, and Company in addition to the regular audit. Mrs. Breffle stated that Burch, Crooms, and Company would also have to do a single audit of Hart County on HCWSA’s behalf because of the 2013 Community Development Block Grant for the Nancy Hart School Area project too.

Members’ comments

Mr. Cannady stated he was still working on the antenna project for the Airline Tank. Mr. Cannady also stated his desire to hire an additional person starting in January 2015. Mr. Cannady also presented his letter to Mayor Brandon Johnson for Mr. Holland to sign regarding a sewer agreement. Mr. Holland agreed with the letter but asked Mr. Goran to also be a signor on the letter as the Director of HCWSA.

Mr. Haley stated his support of getting water to Mr. Stutt’s area of Rock Springs.

Upcoming meetings **–** December 15th, January 12th or 26th? (19th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Authority Holiday)

The Board agreed to move the January meeting to January 12, 2015.

Adjournment

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

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