

Feb 23, 2021
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

Board members present were, Stephen Chambers, Todd Webber, Dwight Jewell, Craig Moreland, Heather Bay and Mark White. Others attending were Tommy McFarland, Evan White, Chris Gregory, and Mary Dale Welch.

Chairman Moreland called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion made by Heather Bay and seconded by Todd Webber.

The motion to approve the January financials was made by Todd Webber and seconded by Heather Bay. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Heather Bay to place the meeting on hold and go to the Public Hearing scheduled for 5:00pm. The motion passed and the public meeting began.

The purpose of the public meeting was to discuss the construction of a 2million gallon water tank to be located on Puryears Bend Road.

The utility has applied for a State Revolving Fund Loan with the possibility of partial principal forgiveness, in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 for a 2 million water storage tank to be located in Puryears Bend. The short-term benefit is three tanks will be taken out of service. The long term is the additional capacity needed for future growth. There is no additional rate fee needed to complete this. After discussion concerning the disposal of the retired tanks, the public meeting was closed on a motion made by Dwight Jewell and seconded by Heather Bay.

Evan White presented his engineering report. He presented the revised drawings for the shop building. There was discussion following that the \$500,000.00 price was given in 2018 and the cost has risen since then. Heather Bay observed the acquiring of various pieces of equipment by the utility, that there is a need to keep the equipment out of the weather. After discussion concerning this, Heather Bay made a motion to put the project out for bid to get a clearer idea of the total cost of the project. Dwight Jewell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The 2021CDBG is being applied for. This would be for a sewer upgrade.

Tommy reported that using the new zone meters the utility was able to identify a leak. The 2022 budget was presented to the board, after discussion the Board ask Tommy to rework the budget using actual expenses instead of past budgets for comparison.

The apprenticeship program was discussed. It will cover about a 2-year period and cost approximately \$5,000.00 per employee. The Board requested that the director of the program meet with them next month either in person or with a zoom meeting.

Tommy discussed with the board a letter from the State Department of Environment and Conservation concerning the capacity of existing water tanks and the maintenance needed on them.

Lenora Harper residing at 200 Hayes Street came to the meeting to discuss an issue she had with sewer backing up into her house in November. She was requesting the board reimburse her for the expenses she had incurred. After discussion, the Board requested that she submit all invoices and pictures to Tommy, and they would review at the next meeting.

Dwight Jewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.