

March 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, Kevin Byrd, and Mary Dale Welch.

Chairman Moreland called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion made by Todd Webber and seconded by Stephen chambers.

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

Kevin Byrd with TAUD attended to explain the apprenticeship program they are offering. The program is to fill the void as water and wastewater operators retire. The course will be 4000 on the job training hours with 21 courses and 318 course hours. This will be a 2year program with a cost of \$2500.00 per employee per year. Mr. Byrd also stated some grant money might be available, thru workforce development, that he will apply for. The Board was very receptive to the program and ask that Tommy work with Mr. Byrd to screen applicants for it.

Evan White with Mid Tenn Engineering reported the zone meter project is closing out. Application for the 2021CDBG is in the works. The shop building will go out for bid next week with the bids due April 22. SRF has all the documents that have been requested. All the primer has been applied on the piping at the water plant.

Tommy presented the budget for 2022 to the Board. After discussion Dwight Jewell made a motion to approve the budget after the grant funds and expenses are removed. Mark White seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Tommy informed the Board of a \$50,000.00 EDC grant with a 5% match. GNRC is working on the application. The money is to be used for infrastructure planning such as mapping.

The Professional Services committee for the county will be meeting to evaluate Engineering firms that have responded to an RFI. Stephen Chambers made a motion to allow Tommy to engage the firm that the committee selects. Mark White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lenora Harper residing at 200 Hayes Street came to the meeting last month 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. Mrs. Harper contacted Chairman

Moreland to ask about the progress. As of the meeting Mrs. Harper had not provided any additional billing or photos. Chairman Moreland was to reach out to her one more time for this. A discussion followed concerning payment of damage claims.

Stephen Chambers told the board he has been talking with the Greater Nashville Regional Council concerning strategic planning for the county. This is from the American Recovery Plan. The funds available will be for capital improvements. The county is scheduled to receive 1.9 million and the city of Hartsville 3 million. He asks if the Water Board would approve some money for the planning process. USDA has agreed to fund \$15,000.00 leaving a balance of \$26,420.00. Heather Bay made a motion that the Water Department contribute \$6420.00 to the project. Dwight Jewell seconded the motion. It was passed.

Dwight Jewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.