

October 26, 2021
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

Before the meeting was called to order Chairman Bay presented Craig Moreland with a plaque thanking him for his time and service to the Water Board.

The meeting was opened with the invocation and the pledge of allegiance led by Dwight Jewell.

All Board members were present, including Kendra Stafford, who has been appointed to fill the vacancy left when Craig Moreland resigned. Other present were Evan White, Mid Tenn. Engineering, Tommy McFarland, Freddie Banks, and Mary Dale Welch.

The September minutes were approved with the provision that the letter to the County Commission date 09/27/2021 and the email apology to Mr. Landon Gulley be included. Motion made by Todd Webber and second by Mark White.

The Financials were reviewed. Tommy reported that the department has installed 29 new taps since the beginning of the fiscal year. Also The Department owns a certificate of deposit that will mature on 12/16/2021. After discussion it was decided that the CD should be sent out to bid at various banks in the area. The financials were approved on a motion made by Mark White and second by Todd Webber.

Tommy McFarland reported the water loss for the year is at 29.9% , last year at this time it was 40%. Zone meter testing is scheduled for tomorrow.

Evan White, no announcements from CDBG, SRF still trying to process their funds for the water tank job. Shop building getting ready to do the foundation. Feasibility study has identified 96 customers that the water service could pick up. After much discussion the following is where the study is now. Getting water to the roads in the study would cost 9.5 million dollars, this would be a cost per customer of \$98,200.00 which would be a loss for the department. At this time we want to pursue the county maintained roads. Also look into any type of federal or state funding that may be available. A rate increase would help offset the cost of the lines.

No action has been taken on the increased water withdrawal from the Cumberland River. Mayor Chambers reported the Westmoreland Mayor and Portland Mayor are interested in meeting with Congressman's Rose office to set up a meeting with TDEC.

Tommy reported that Branstetter, Stranch, & Jennings was the only law firm that responded to the RFQ that was sent out. Dwight Jewell made a motion to retain their services, Todd Webber second the motion. It was passed.

Board Comments:

Todd Webber and Mark White both expressed rate increases need to be done on a regular basis to keep from have a large increase at one time. They ask for the last 10 -20 years of rate increases.

Chairman Bay ask for a breakdown of services that are included on our billing.

Dwight Jewell made a motion to adjourn.