

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

Dwight Jewell opened the meeting with the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

All Board members were present. Other present were Evan White, Mid Tenn. Engineering, Tommy McFarland, Chris Gregory, and Mary Dale Welch.

The October minutes were approved on a motion made by Dwight Jewell and seconded by Todd Webber. The financial report was approved on a motion made by Todd Webber and seconded by Mark White.

Tommy McFarland informed the Board that water loss is 45.1%. Last year it was 42.9. He is still waiting for a check valve for the water treatment plant that will remedy some of the problems. He also stated that he believes there is some water leakage in the Middle Fork area.

Evan White, Mid Tenn Engineering, stated that CDBG has not yet released their rankings. Typically this is done in October. SRF has contacted him several times to inquire about the water intake being above the sewer discharge. He has assured them that it is. Evan then presented the Board with the feasibility study that his firm compiled. After discussion, Mark White thanked Evan for all the work put into the report, he also stated to keep in mind the ROI was based on a one-time 10% rate increase and that a plan needs to be developed for regular rate increases.

General Manager report—no information on the river withdrawal, the state is in the process of redistricting so we may not be in the same district. Until this is completed there will not be much movement on the withdrawal.

Two banks submitted bids for the CD money that is up for renewal. 1st National Bank and Wilson Bank and Trust. After opening the bids and some discussion, Mayor Chambers made a motion to move the item for discussion to after the board comments as he had some information on some monies that may be available, Dwight Jewell seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Tommy presented the board with a contract from Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings for a retainer agreement. Todd Webber made a motion to sign the contract, Mark White seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Tommy then informed the board of a safety grant from Tennessee Risk Management that he would like to apply for. The grant can pay for up to \$20,000.00 for safety equipment. Stephen Chambers made a motion for Tommy to apply and Todd Webber seconded the motion.

Next on the agenda was employee bonuses. The bonus is for \$450.00 per employee and also a \$5,000.00 bonus for the manager. Mark White made a motion to approve the bonus. Todd Webber seconded. A roll call vote was requested. Stephen Chambers -yes, Todd Webber -yes, Mark White-yes, Dwight Jewell no, Kendra Stafford yes, Heather Bay yes. The motion was passed 5 to 1.

Stephen Chambers went over the American Rescue Plan. He stated the state is proposing 3 different grants. One is non-competitive and Trousdale County's allotment is \$3,435,918.00 with a 40% match. The second grant is one the state has for their priority projects. The third grant will be from funds not used from grant one and depends on the ruling from the treasury department.

The CD renewal was next on the agenda, Todd Webber made a motion to go with 1st National Bank with the full value of 1,03896.00 for 24 months. Mark White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tommy told the board the TAUD conference in Murfreesboro is on Dec 2 and 3rd, they will be discussing the American Rescue funds.

Dwight Jewell stated the reason he voted no was because no other county employees were getting bonuses. Mark White commented that it would be incumbent on the other department heads to budget so their employees could receive a bonus,

There will be no meeting in December.

Dwight Jewell Made a motion to adjourn.