

May 24, 2022
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

Invocation Dwight Jewell

Pledge of Allegiance Heather Bay.

All Board Members were present. Also attending were Evan White Mid Tenn. Engineering, Tommy McFarland, and Mary Dale Welch.

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Stephen Chambers and second by Todd Webber. The motion was approved.

The financial statements were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Dwight Jewell and second by Mark White.

The water loss report showed that it was down. Tommy stated that some leaks have been repaired and a meter at the plant has been calibrated.

Evan White –The documents for the SRF loan have been received and are ready for the mayor’s signature. Evan pointed out that this process has been going on since early 2019. The funds requested at that time was 1.75 million. With the upward trend of construction cost, he has estimated that the cost of this project would now be 2.25 million. He also stated that concrete is becoming harder to obtain. He has talked with the state, and they are willing to loan the 2.25 million for the project, but this will require additional paperwork. After discussion a motion was made by Todd Webber to obtain the 2.25 million loans with the interest rate of 2.26. Mark White second the motion. A vote was taken with 4 yes (Bay, White, Webber, Stafford) and 2 no (Chambers, Jewell). The motion carried.

Kendra Stafford stated a concern from a citizen on Morrison Street about the low water pressure they have. Tommy explained that the construction of the tank, being funded by the SRF loan, will help alleviate this problem in several locations across the service area.

The next item was the General managers report. The County Commission did not approve the budget that was submitted to them last month. The main sticking point was the bonus pay for the employees. After discussion concerning Tommy’s bonus of 5k per year, a motion was made to raise Tommy’s salary by the 5k in lieu of bonus pay. A motion for this was made by Dwight Jewell and second by Mark White. The raise will be added to Tommy’s salary on July 1, 2022. Stephen Chambers ask Tommy to submit in writing he agrees with this since the bonus was part of his hiring package.

Stephen Chambers then made a motion to present the County with 2 budget proposals, one with a step increase and 2.5% cost of living raise and the other with a step raise and a 5% cost of living raise. Mark White second the motion. The motion was passed 5 to 1. Yes (Chambers, Jewell, Webber, White, Stafford) no (Bay)

Board Comments:

Mark White: Proud of the work that the water department is doing

Kendra Stafford: Thanks to Heather Bay and Mark White for representing the Department at the Budget Hearing

Dwight Jewell: Ask for prayers for his family as they are facing health issues.

Kendra Stafford Moton to adjourn