

April 11, 2023
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The April meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

The invocation was done by Mayor Jack McCall.

Board members present were Heather Bay, T. Bubba Gregory, Mayor Jack McCall, Kendra Stafford, Elizabeth Harper and Mark White. Others in attendance were Evan White, Tommy McFarland, Emily Walker and Callie White.

The March 2023 minutes were approved on a motion by Mark White and second by Mayor Jack McCall. Motion Approved.

The March 2023 financials were approved on a motion by Mayor Jack McCall and second by T. Bubba Gregory. Motion Approved.

The Water Loss report was reviewed for March 2023. March's current loss is 44.2%. Contributing factors to the increase in water loss were significant leaks in Puryear's Bend, Thoroughbred and Fort Blount Roads.

Evan White, Mid Tenn Engineering, reported that Pre-Construction approval for SRF has been approved and a meeting will be held on April 19, 2023, at 10AM. The 3-19 funding is still under review as all projects submitted were denied. Ray Render and John Rose's office are working with the committee in DC that set the rules and regulations to determine the next steps.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elizabeth Harper and Second by Mayor Jack McCall. Immediately following the motion to adjourn was a motion to reconvene the meeting by Mayor Jack McCall and second by Elizabeth Harper as all the agenda had not been covered.

Tommy McFarland presented a rough draft budget proposing a 2% rate increase. Mark White would like to see a comparison of a 5% increase vs. 2% increase. Tommy to prepare and present at the May 2023 board meeting.

A discussion was had to modify the name of the utility, and all agreed to change it to Hartsville/Trousdale Metro Utility, providing this name is available.

The topic of a commercial/industrial sewer discount program was brought to the board due to Mueller Refrigeration's request. They would like a discount on their sewer due to water evaporation not being reintroduced into the sewer system. Tommy McFarland will do more research on how this is handled at other utilities to determine if we need to develop a policy and procedure.

One member of the public was in attendance but had no comments or questions.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Elizabeth Harper and second by Mayor Jack McCall.