

May 9, 2023
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The May meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

The invocation was done by Tommy McFarland.

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

The April 2023 minutes were approved on a motion by Elizabeth Harper and second by Mark White. Motion Approved.

The April 2023 financials were approved on a motion by Elizabeth Harper and second by Kendra Stafford. Motion Approved.

The Water Loss report was reviewed for April 2023. April's current loss is 33.8%. Found and repaired leaks attributed to the decline in water loss from March to April.

Tommy McFarland reported that Evan met the deadline and submitted the drawings on time for the TDOT project/River Bridge. The 2-19 funding is still under review and the projects submitted weren't turned down, they have been delayed so the projects already underway can be completed.

Tommy McFarland presented an updated budget proposing a 5% rate increase and a 2% growth increase. In order to cover the 25% of the approx. \$8M over the next 5-10 years, a 12% increase per year for the next 10 years is needed. After some discussion, Mark White made a motion to approve the budget without any increase. This motion was seconded by Elizabeth Harper. Motion Approved.

Mark White requested a listing of all projects that are needed and in the works in one condensed list for all board members to have and review. Tommy to provide for the June Board Meeting.

The next order of business was approval to surplus a John Deere Mowing Tractor. A motion to approve was made by Mayor Jack McCall and seconded by Mark White. Motion Approved.

Tommy had a discussion with the utility's attorney, Mike Wall, regarding the utility name. Mr. Wall stated whatever the ordinance says we are to be called, is what it should be OR we can go back to the county for a name change. Tommy McFarland to review the Ordinance and bring the exact name back to the meeting in June.

One member of the public was in attendance, James Chambers (890 Woodmore Hollow Ln). He had received a hangtag due to his name appearing on a water consumption report showing he had a rather large water consumption for the prior 24 hours. During his investigation of his lines, he states he found that his meter had been moved off his property onto his neighbor's property across a fence. He called the Water Department, and a field tech did go out and found the leak to be on the customer's side of the meter. The customer would be responsible for getting that repaired. Mr. Chambers is stating he shouldn't be responsible for paying for a repair if it was due to the water department moving his meter.

His complaint also included the fact that without a meter on his property, his property value decreased. He also stated that an electric fence had been removed from around where he thinks the meter was and strewn in the brush. He stated he doesn't know how long ago the meter was moved, but he wants it moved back to his property. Tommy McFarland will do some research in the morning and respond to the board and Mr. Chambers with his findings.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Elizabeth Harper and second by Kendra Stafford.
