

October 10, 2023  
Hartsville-Trousdale County  
Water & Sewer Utility District  
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The October meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

The invocation was done by Tommy McFarland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Chairman Bay

Board members present were Heather Bay, Mark White, Lonnie Taylor, Kendra Stafford, and Elizabeth Harper. Others in attendance were Tommy McFarland, Jason Evitts, Emily Walker, and Scott Graves.

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

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

The water loss report was given for September. September's water loss was 33.3% which was down from 48.2% from the same period last year.

Mr. Jason Evitts then addressed the board due to some issues he had when a water line was replaced last month. He has requested that there be a way to notify customers when there is an issue in their area. Had he not seen the water guys working he wouldn't have known the cause of his water issue. He also stated that over the past several years there has been substantial pressure on Parker Branch Road. When a plumber tested his neighbor's pressure it was pushing 200psi. The Sensus meters used are only rated for up to 150psi. At what point is the water pressure too much, and how does the equipment read correctly when the PSI is more than the meter is rated for? Is there a way to reduce the pressure on his line? For 10+ years he didn't have any issues with the pressure, but over the past couple of years, there have been several issues due to pressure. Mr. Evitts stated that he has talked to his neighbors and out of the ones he spoke with, they had experienced more than 6 leaks and multiple pressure regulators had to be replaced.

Tommy McFarland addressed some of the concerns Mr. Evitts brought up. Air relief valves have been installed, and the motor in the pump will be upgraded, they do make pressure regulators for large lines and Tommy will investigate that. Tommy also stated that the utility is looking into a notification system to notify customers when there has been a water issue in their area.

Chairman Bay then introduced Mr. Lonnie Taylor as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Tommy McFarland then gave the Engineering Report update in Evan White's absence. The Water tank project will be completed by the end of next week (week ending 10/20/2023). The water line to the tank will take an additional 4-5 weeks. May be able to start filling in December or January. River bridge Project, Jones Brothers came in with the lowest bid, but it was still \$3-4M more than expected. Non-Competitive ARPA – have had to do another Professional Services bid. That will take place on October 26 at 2:00 pm.

There were no public or board member comments.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Elizabeth Harper and seconded by Mark White.