

September 10, 2024
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

The invocation was done by Mayor Jack McCall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Lonnie Taylor.

Board members present were Heather Bay, Mark White, Lonnie Taylor, Mayor Jack McCall, and Elizabeth Parker Harper. Others in attendance were Rick Zhorne, Tony Crook, Emily Walker, Rosie Myhan, and Evan White.

The June 2024, minutes were approved on a motion by Mayor Jack McCall and seconded by Lonnie Taylor. Motion Approved.

The June 2024 financials (Final) were approved on a motion by Elizabeth Parker Harper and second by Mark White. Motion Approved.

The July 2024 financials were approved on a motion by Elizabeth Parker Harper and second by Mark White. Motion Approved.

Evan White gave the Engineering Report. The SRF Tank is complete and was put into service 07/30/2024. The final inspection/close out will be completed on September 12th at 11:00AM. Sewer Flow Monitors were rescheduled to September 26th at 2:00PM due to an advertising technicality. The specs for the water tank project has been approved by TDEC and uploaded into the Grant Management System for ARP and they will go out to bid. The Water Treatment plant we are working with the Corp of Engineers and TDEC for Permit Approval.

Tony Crook then gave the General Managers Report. Puryear's Bend tank is in service, and we had several air relief valve malfunctions. A High Tide monitor system has been installed and will shut down once the pressure exceeds a certain PSI to mitigate any damage that could be caused by high pressure. We have a request from a new company to see if we can meter the waste that goes back into the sewer system and only bill for what sewer is returned to the system. They will be taking their excess sewage offsite and we will not have to treat that sewer.

Discussion was had regarding metering the sewer that comes back into the system, the company would be responsible for the price of the sewer meter. The discussion then turned to the prices of the meters. This should be completed in the MTAS price study currently being worked on. Back to the metered sewer request, Heather Bay is going to pull some more information, and this will be tabled until the next meeting. Next subject is city farm meters vs. irrigation meters and a decision will not be made at this time but will also be part of MTAS price study. The next item was the OSHA inspection. Tony discussed the 5 areas where we failed, and all have been remedied or are in the process of being remedied. Lastly, was the unmetered water at the Fire Hall. There is a leak at the hydrant that the fire department uses to fill tankers. There is a question of who will be responsible for repairs. It was determined that the water department will fix the leak and add a meter so we can track the usage at the fire hall for the water loss report.

Emily Walker then gave the water loss report. Water loss is up from last month by .5% but is down 6.6% from the same time last year.

We have a quote for a new 2025 Mack MD7 for \$130,253. A motion was made by Mayor Jack McCall and seconded by Mark White to accept the quote and purchase the truck.

General Managers Job description had one change to add that the candidate has at least one certification/license for water, sewer, collections or distribution. This was accepted on a motion by Elizabeth Parker Harper and seconded by Mark White.

Next on the agenda is the acceptance of Kendra Stafford's resignation from the board.

TN State Bill 2282 – United Systems quote, \$12,000. We currently have a security policy that was drafted by the utility attorney. This was tabled and will be brought back to the board in 6 – 9 months.

There was one member of the public present, Mr. Rick Zhorne at 335 Hankins Lane. Mr Zhorne was asking for a break on a \$13,000 bill that he had received. No decision was made due to pending responses from our insurance company and utility lawyer.

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