

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Cleveland County Water Board Room

April 09, 2019
Tuesday, 7: 00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Donald Melton; presiding, Vice Chairman Dewey Cook, Treasurer Pete Pedersen, Secretary Bill Cameron, Commissioners Amy Bridges, John Taylor and Tony Brooks, General Manager Brad Cornwell and Attorney Tim Moore.

Chairman Donald Melton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all who were in attendance and recognized John Taylor who gave the invocation and Treasurer Pete Pedersen led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A. Approval of agenda:

Chairman Melton asked Commissioners if anyone had any questions related to the adoption of the agenda. With no questions, he requested a motion to approve the agenda.

1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Cook and second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

B. Public Comment:

Chairman Melton requested the time for Public Comment and Mr. Cornwell noted that no one had signed up for Public Comment.

C. Consent Agenda:

Action Taken: Chairman Melton presented the Consent Agenda Items. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks second by Mr. Pedersen the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2019

D. Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

E. New Business:

- 1) Consideration of Setting the Time, Date, and Place for the Special Meeting for Budget Presentation for FY 2019-2020

Mr. Cornwell explained that preparation for the upcoming budget had begun. The statutory requirements are for a proposed budget to be completed by April 30. The 2019-2020 budget workshop date needed to be set. The agreed date was scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Action Taken: Upon a motion by Mr. Pedersen, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to schedule the budget presentation for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

F. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Cornwell started with the financial reports. The quarterly payments for OPEB and capital reserve were transferred and completed. The line item for the materials will be adjusted as the capital projects are completed. The final debt payment on the old water bond refinancing has been paid off and completed. There is a letter from BB&T Bank in the monthly packet that indicated that the debt has been paid in full and the liens have been removed from the property. The maintenance, billing and water plant reports are included in the packet. Mr. Cornwell noted that another letter contained in the packet was from the NCDEQ indicating that the funding had been approved for the Clearwell project. The engineering reports need to be submitted by August 1, 2019. Mr. Cornwell explained that an engineer has not been selected for the project. NCDEQ has been contacted and the situation will be explained but advertising and request for engineers have been not been completed. Mr. Cornwell noted that he was able to attend a USDA funding seminar. The future projects for the operations center and a project concerning erosion at the intake may be proposed at a future date for USDA funding. The construction for the Town of Fallston is continuing and the project is about sixty percent complete. The construction around the school will take place during the spring break. Mr. Cornwell informed about

the bidding process for employee uniform service. The current company has switched the plant location with uniforms being delivered from a different location. The bidding process began after months of attempting to work through the problems. The bid process was started and brought with it some considerable cost savings company wide. The contract will be long term contract and will be included in the agenda for next month. The transition will be slow between companies to assure that the employees have uniforms through the transition. Attorney Moore noted that he was aware of some litigation against the company selected. Mr. Cornwell noted that the contract called for a sixty-month auto renewal that he had removed from the contract terms. The terms of the contract will be a yearly renewal. Mr. Cornwell will share the contract with Attorney Moore for review. Mr. Cornwell noted that Cleveland Community College will be hosting a job fair on April 30, 2019. There are currently two vacancies in the maintenance staff with the interest in the positions being very low. The Cleveland County Manager and Mr. Cornwell met with the president of the community college and came to an agreement to share the costs of the sponsorship of the job fair. Mr. Cornwell reported that Lincoln County has contacted him concerning information about interconnections and different projects. The problems with the Belwood pump station and the water line going up Highway 18 (Fallston Road) need to be addressed first. A customer contacted Mr. Cornwell concerning the District boundaries on the south side of the county. The area in question is out of district. The customer has requested an industrial rate because he is in the poultry business. Mr. Cornwell is designing the petition to be circulated by the customer for circulation for the area to join inside the District boundaries. Mrs. Bridges questioned about the area with Grassy Ponds Water Company. Mr. Cornwell noted that some of the area overlapped with our boundaries. Customers inside the area have been able to choose which water utility to service their homes. The tap rates are cheaper with CCW. The Lattimore Tank project started this week at the intersection of New House and Rehobeth Church Road and the pipe is being installed. Mr. Cornwell announced that he will be on vacation next week. It is spring break for the local school system and the boy scouts are traveling to Washington D.C.

G. Board Members Announcement and Remarks

No announcements or remarks were made.

H. Closed Session

- 1) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or other proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease.

Action Taken: Upon a motion by Mr. Pedersen, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to go into Closed Session at 7:18.

Action Taken: Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:50 PM.

I. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chairman Melton called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Pedersen, second by Mr. Taylor the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cameron

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Secretary

