

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 901 N. 8TH ST., FAIRFIELD IA
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 12, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on October 12, 2011 at 1:03 p.m. by Chairperson Henry Van Weelden.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Broeker, Steve Burgmeier, Marvin Philips, Wes Rich, Ernie Schiller, Henry Van Weelden, Kent White and Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Ball and Greg Kenning.

OTHERS PRESENT

Tracy Balbort, Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye – Geode RC&D Staff; Mark Fincel – Garden & Associates; Kent Rice – French-Reneker & Associates; Dan Miller – Jefferson County Environmental Health and Miles Boatman – Van Buren County Environmental Health.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Tom Broeker to approve the October 12, 2011 Agenda. Motion carried. #M35-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Kent White to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on September 14, 2011. Motion carried. #M36-12

- FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report – Discussed
- GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report – Discussed
- Pleasant Plain & East Pleasant Plain
 - o Consider Pay Application No. 2 – Division I: \$37,271.82 Motion by Steve Burgmeier, second by Kent White to approve Pay Application No. 2 for \$37,271.82. Motion carried. #M37-12
- WARNER ENGINEERING: Project Update Report – Jim Warner - No Report Submitted

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasure's Report & Bills received – Motion by Steve Burgmeier, second by Wes Rich to approve the treasurer's report and construction and O&M bills as presented, upon approval by USDA Rural Development. Total bills: \$200,493.15. Motion carried. #M38-12

Delinquent Customer report – Discussed Mt. Sterling overdue. Kathy Dye is to send a letter to Mt. Sterling stating their options on collecting the money from the customers.

Bank Reconciliation – **Motion by Steve Burgmeier, second by Ernie Schiller to approve the bank reconciliation to be signed by Steve Burgmeier. Motion carried. #M39-12**

PROJECTS

Augusta: Consideration of Joint Agreement with Des Moines County for Augusta Project - Discussed and will be reviewed at later date.

Kinross, Linby and Mt. Sterling: Approval of Rate Increase – **Motion by Steve Burgmeier, second by Marvin Philips to approve sending a letter to the individual cities/counties, informing them that the board will be considering rate increases at the November 9th board meeting (including current budgets and USDA RD requirements). Motion carried. #M40-12**

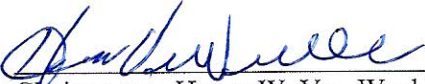
Approval to Move \$3,000 from RUSS General Account to Mt. Sterling Account to Enable Positive Bank Account Balance – **Motion by Steve Burgmeier, second by Kent White to transfer \$3,000 from the RUSS general funds account to the Mt. Sterling O&M account. Motion carried. #M41-12**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Kent White to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. #M42-12

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for November 9, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved:  11-9-11
Chairperson, Henry W. Van Weelden Date

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
900 WEST WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT IA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011 - 10:00 A.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The RUSS special meeting was called to order by Willie Van Weelden-Chair of the Board @ 10:00 a.m.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Ball, Steve Burgmeier, Marvin Philips, Wes Rich, Ernie Schiller, Henry Van Weelden, Kent White and Daryl Wood

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Broecker and Greg Kenning

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye - Geode RC&D Staff; Mayor John Marek and Ben Johnson - Mt. Union; David Hotle - Washington Evening Journal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ernie Schiller to amend the agenda to add a "Public comments" section. Motion was 2nd by Kent White. All members voted in favor of the motion. #M43-12

REVIEW & CONSIDER FINANCIAL DETAILS WITH RUSS/GEODE RC&D:

A motion was made by Ernie Schiller & 2nd by Wes Rich to pay off the balance on the TD&T past due bill being paid off by the communities/calculating each communities payment by the % of users. All members voted in favor of the motion. #M44-12

DISCUSS RICHMOND PROJECT:

No motions made at this time

WAPELLO COUNTY LETTER:

A letter was drawn up by Dorsey & Whitney and presented to the board regarding Wapello County's request to pull out of RUSS. Ernie Schiller made a motion to approve the letter as it was, Steve Burgmeier 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. #M45-12

PUBLIC COMMENTS (held to 5 min):

John Marek - Mayor for Mt. Union was inquiring about the lawsuit and had questions about the current rate changes that some customers in Mt. Union had received-how monthly fees were determined. Kathy Dye, Geode Finance Manager-explained how the process worked.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ernie Schiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 11:15 a.m., Kent White 2nd the motion-all members voted in favor of the motion. #M46-12

Minutes Approved:


Chairperson, Henry W. Van Weelden

11-9-11
Date