

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10TH, 2013 – 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 April 10th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Daryl Wood, Lee Dimmitt, , Bob Waugh, Greg Moeller, Chris Ball, Ernie Schiller, Jack Seward and Jim Cary. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson, Kathy Dye-Finance Manager

RUSS MEMBERS AB SENT: Davis county member, Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska County & Greg Kenning-Wapello County

OTHERS PRESENT

Kent Rice – French-Reneker & Associates; Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant New; Jeremiah Selby-Garden & Associates; Jeff Thomann-Washington County Sanitarian & Ted Nixon-Van Buren County Supervisor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Greg Moeller to approve the April 10th, 2013 agenda. Motion carried by all. #M118-13

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 20th, 2013 regular meeting:

Motion by Bob Waugh, second by Chris Ball to approve the minutes of the regular monthly RUSS board meeting held on March 20th, 2013. Motion carried by all #M119-13

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

- **FRENCH-RENEKER:** - Mt. Union system running well and new RUSS operator is doing well in learning the system. ARGYLE REHAB –Engineer Agreement for Final Design. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, second by Chris Ball to sign the “Engineer Agreement for Final Design” for the Argyle Rehab project. Motion carried by all. #M120-13**
- **GARDEN & ASSOCIATES:** - Still working on PER for Moarr/Powdertown sewer project in Lee County. Conference call setup with Lee County BOS’s and DNR April 12th, 2013. Garden & Associates spoke again with the board regarding increases in the engineering costs for the Richmond/Rubio/Ollie– due to the length of time the project has been in process. No action was taken at this time.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

- Treasurer’s Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received – **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Total bills: \$41,921.45. Motion carried by all. #M121-13** Checks cut/approved: Alliant Energy \$759.14 Burlington Hawkeye \$36.75 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$80.00 Electric Pump \$116.32 Fairfield Precast Concrete \$128.40 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C.\$300.00 French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. \$1,200.98 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$3,305.00 Jetco, Inc. \$6,050.00 Keokuk County \$14,389.03 Lee, Bryan \$62.00 Liquid Grow \$70.89 Menke, Keith \$1,711.90 Miller, Toni \$58.00 Office of Auditor of State \$1,500.00 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$37.23 Regional Utility Service System \$80.00 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Showman, Dan \$62.00 TD&T Financial Group \$1,000.00 The Washington Evening Journal \$38.25 US Cellular \$202.43 Visa/Bancard \$631.58 Windstream \$325.24
- ***Executive Director Update*** – Bruce Hudson updated the board on things that have been going on in the RUSS office; has attended several meetings over the past month with DNR/UMO, Washington county; Greenbrier residents.
 - ***Review/Approve FY12 State of Iowa Audit Report*** –**Motion made by Jack Seward, second by Bab Waugh to approve the FY12 State of Iowa Audit Report. Motion carried by all. #M122-13**
 - ***Discuss/Consider approval of FY14 Sewer Rate Resolutions for all communities:*** Board members were presented with the FY14 Sewer rates for all communities and Resolutions. **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve Resolution#10-13 through #20-13 for “Sewer Rate Resolutions” for FY14 for all communities. A roll**

call was taken with the following results: 8=Ayabs (Washington, Louisa, Keokuk, Lee, Jefferson, Des Moines, Henry and Van Buren) & 0=Nays. Motion carried by all. #M123-13

- New rates: Argyle=\$55.75, Pleasant Plain/E. Pleasant Plain=\$53.82, Harper=\$41.22, Keswick=\$43.39, Kinross=\$49.17, Linby=\$62.32, Martinsburg=\$45.47, Mt. Sterling=\$43.20, Mt. Union=\$57.63 and Webster=\$43.44
- *Discuss/Consider City of Franklin* – waiting on the attorney to send check from City of Franklin so this account will be cleared up
- *Discuss/Consider Richmond/Rubio/Ollie* –Jack Seward presented the board with a Resolution that was made by the Washington County Board of Supervisors stating that they would give a decision to the RUSS board in 30 days. After much discussion - **Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Jim Cary to set April 24th, 2013 as a hard-fast deadline date for Washington County to give their decision of moving forward or not with the Rubio and Richmond projects (either jointly or separately). If no response is received by said date, RUSS would look at de-obligation of the funds through USDA RD. Motion carried with Jack Seward-Washington County abstaining. #M124-13**
- *Discuss Mt. Sterling – discontinuance update* – nothing new to report at this time
- *Discuss/Consider litigation proceedings with Mt. Union (possible close session)* – City of Mt. Union requested an extension.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jeff Thomann commented that Jack Seward-Washington County Supervisor has been working very hard toward a solution with the citizens of Richmond.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Ball, second by Ernie Schiller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M125-13
Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

A “special” RUSS board meeting will be held on April 24th, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m. to be held at the Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

5-18-13
Date