

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – APR. 16th, 2014 – 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 Apr. 16th, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Daryl Wood, Ernie Schiller, Jack Seward, Gary See (Henry County Alternate), Jim Cary, Bob Waugh, Chris Ball, Greg Kenning and Lee Dimmitt. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson, Operator -Kent Hummell

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co.

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News; Bob Roy-Keokuk Contractors; Randy Willey-Randy's Plumbing; Kent Rice-French Reneker; Sheri Rice-USDA RD; Amy Beaver-DM County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jack Seward requested to add an item to the agenda. **Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, seconded by Ernie Schiller to approve the Apr. 16th, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried. #M93-14**

PUBLIC HEARING-ARGYLE REHAB PROJECT for the Proposed Drawings, Specifications, Contract Documents and Estimated Construction Cost for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14. Hearing no objections or issues-**Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Bob Waugh to close the Public Hearing for the Argyle Rehab Project. Motion carried by all. #M94-14**

Discuss/Consider Resolution #R06-14 to adopt the Drawings, Specifications, Contract Documents and Estimated Construction Cost for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14. Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to adopt the Drawings, Specifications, Contract Documents and Estimated Construction Cost for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14 **ROLL CALL VOTE: Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-Y; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-Y; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 8 Ayes to 1 Nay. Motion passed. #M95-14**

Discuss/Consider Opening Bids for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14 Two (2) bids received and opened. See Item (e) for consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mar. 19th, 2014 regular meeting:

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on Mar. 19th, 2014. Motion carried. #M96-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report – nothing to report

GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report –nothing new to report

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received.

March 19th, 2014 Financials - After much discussion-**Jack Seward made the motion to approve the Mar. 19th, 2014 Financials with exception of the Fixed Assets showing \$ amounts for Richmond & Rubio to reflect a "zero" balance-to be done by TD&T; second by Bob Waugh. Motion carried by all. #M97-14**

April 16th, 2014 Financials presented-**Motion by Bob Waugh, second by Chris Ball with exception of the Fixed Assets showing \$ amounts for Richmond & Rubio to reflect a "zero" balance-to be done by TD&T. Motion carried by all. #M98-14** Checks cut/approved: Total=\$40,507.85 Alliant Energy \$1,044.63 Allied Systems, Inc. \$1,471.70 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$90.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$2,787.76 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$3,684.00 Great Plains One Call Service \$16.15 Iowa One Call \$14.40 Keokuk County Auditor \$14,199.34 Keokuk County Recorder \$72.00, Keith Menke \$1,520.00 Mt. Pleasant News \$114.00 Patterson Law Firm L.L. \$2,500.00 Randy's Plumbing \$305.00 Rathbun Regional Water

Association \$31.03 Regional Utility Service System \$910.00 Ron's Tire & Repair \$700.00 Roto-Rooter \$156.00 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Smith Jr., Walter \$62.00 US Cellular \$203.34 Visa/Bancard \$961.39 Windstream \$298.80

Executive Director Update – Shelly Miller-Finance Manager resigned; went to Lee County BOS meeting to talk about Moorar/Powdertown PER; meeting with Thornburg City for onsites-would have 24 homes; Normal maintenance on systems continues to be done; Ollie lagoon purchased, all easements obtained;

Discuss/Consider FY15 Rate Resolutions for ALL RUSS Communities – FY15 Budget for all RUSS Communities was presented to the board with new rates for each community. After much discussion-the follow Sewer Rate Resolutions were voted on with results:

ARGYLE: Res.#R07-14 for FY15 = \$55.75/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve Argyle Rate Resolution-#R07-14 for \$55.75/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M99-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

HARPER: Res.#R08-14 for FY15 = \$42.46/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Harper Rate Resolution-#R08-14 for \$42.46/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M100-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

KESWICK: Res.#R09-14 for FY15 = \$43.83/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Keswick Rate Resolution-#R09-14 for \$43.83/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M101-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

KINROSS: Res.#R10-14 for FY15 = \$49.17/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Kinross Rate Resolution-#R10-14 for \$49.17/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M102-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

LINBY/JEFF. CTY: Res.#R11-14 for FY15 = \$62.32/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve Linby/Jeff. Cty. Rate Resolution-#R11-14 for \$62.32/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M103-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

MARTINSBURG: Res.#R12-14 for FY15 = \$45.47/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Martinsburg Rate Resolution-#R12-14 for \$45.47/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M104-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

MT. STERLING/VB COUNTY: Res.#R13-14 for FY15 = \$43.55/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Mt. Sterling/VB County Rate Resolution-#R13-14 for \$43.55/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y;

Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M105-04 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

MT. UNION: Res.#R14-14 for FY15 = \$69.88/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve Mt. Union Rate Resolution-#R14-14 for \$69.88/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-N; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 5 Ayes to 4 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M106-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

WEBSTER: Res.#R15-14 for FY15 = \$43.44/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve Webster Rate Resolution-#R15-14 for \$43.44/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M107-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

PLEASANT PLAIN: Res.#R16-14 for FY15 = \$54.77/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jim Cary to approve Pleasant Plain Rate Resolution-#R16-14 for \$54.77/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M108-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

E. PLEASANT PLAIN/JEFF. CTY.: Res.#R17-14 for FY15 = \$54.77/mo. **Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve E. Pleasant Plain/Jeff. Cty. Rate Resolution-#R17-14 for \$54.77/mo. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-N; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-N; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 6 Ayes to 3 Nays. **Motion passed.** #M109-14 Jack Seward from Washington County would like the record to show he voted against this FY15 rate resolution due to his belief that it wasn't right to have the Counties pay for the operations of the RUSS organization, and that it should be put on the systems users to pay.

Discuss/Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Keokuk County, IA for Ollie Wastewater Project- The question of the \$10,000 being a hard and fast number was asked with the answer being: yes it would not go over this estimate- **Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Keokuk County, IA for Ollie Wastewater Project. Motion carried by all.** #M110-14

Discuss/Consider accepting the apparent low bid for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14; contingent upon further review by the Engineer, FKG (RUSS Attorney) and USDA RD. **Motion by Lee Dimmitt, seconded by Chris Ball to accept Randy's Plumbing bid for the Proposed Wastewater Treatment System Improvements-RUSS/Argyle, Iowa '14; contingent upon further review by the Engineer, FKG (RUSS Attorney) and USDA RD. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-Y; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-Y; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y, Louisa Co.-Y; Henry Co.-Y; & Wapello Co.-N = 8 Ayes to 1 Nay. **Motion passed.** #M111-14

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bob Waugh, seconded by Ernie Schiller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M112-14 Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for May 14th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

5-14-2014
Date