

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 901 N. 8TH ST., FAIRFIELD IA
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 17, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting (rescheduled from August 10, 2011) of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on August 17, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Henry Van Weelden.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present: Tom Broeker, Lee Dimmitt for 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, Rita Cangas-Marshall and Kathy Dye - Geode RC&D Staff; Jeremiah Selby and Mark Fincel - Garden & Associates; Kent Rice – French-Reneker Associates; Lacey Jacobs - Fairfield Ledger; and Fred L. Hickenbottom – Fairfield/Lakewood resident.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Marvin Philips to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried. #M15-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 13, 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Wes Rich to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on July 13, 2011. Motion carried. #M16-12

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

No report this month.

APPROVAL OF BILLS RECEIVED

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Daryl Wood to approve construction and O&M bills as presented, upon approval by USDA Rural Development. Total bills: \$50,259.53. Motion carried. #M17-12

DELINQUENT CUSTOMER REPORT

No report this month.

BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT

Discussed.

APPROVAL OF FY12 BUDGET

Discussed. Willie Van Weelden, Steve Burgmeier and Ernie Schiller to meet with Kathy Dye.

WAPELLO COUNTY – WITHDRAWAL AS COUNTY PARTICIPANT

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Kent White to give authority to Willie Van Weelden and Deke Wood to talk to legal counsel regarding Wapello County's request for withdrawal from 28E agreement and to look at the expansion of other counties. Motion carried. #M18-12

BACK UP PUMPS/GENERATORS

Discussed. Addressing issue with IDNR.

GREAT PLAINS LOCATING SERVICE AGREEMENT

Discussed. Consensus that best to process as locate versus the cost to repair line.

PROJECTS

Pleasant Plain: Resolution Extending Maturity Date for the Sewer Revenue Bond Anticipation Project Note for the Pleasant Plain/East Pleasant Plain Project – **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Tom Broeker to approve Resolution Extending Maturity Date for the Sewer Revenue Bond Anticipation Project Note for the Pleasant Plain/East Pleasant Plain project. Motion carried. #M19-12 & R01-12**

Pleasant Plain: Ritz Residence @ 702 South St./Removing Trailer – **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Daryl Wood to deny the request from Van & Doris Ritz to hook up to system, cap it off and not pay monthly fee. Motion carried. #M20-12**

Harper Update - Deke Wood updated the board on the issue with the Harper system

Linby: Maintenance Provider – Tom Richards requested removal of responsibilities for the Linby system. Kent Rice, French-Reneker Associates, will become Advantex/Orenco certified. A contract will be drawn up for his services as the Linby maintenance provider.

Lee County: Franklin Expenses/Bill after Withdrawing from RUSS – An itemized invoice will be sent to Franklin, per their request.

Lee County: Public Meeting on September 1, 2011 – Board of Supervisors are holding a meeting regarding the status of the Lee County projects and as an opportunity for residents to ask questions.

- **FRENCH-RENEKER**: Project Update Report reviewed.
- **GARDEN & ASSOCIATES**: Project Update Report reviewed.
Pleasant Plain/East Pleasant Plain – **Motion by Kent White, second by Lee Dimmitt to request the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to proceed with voluntary condemnation on the lift station at Pleasant Plain. Motion carried. #M21-12**

Pleasant Plain/East Pleasant Plain – **Motion by Tom Broeker, second by Ernie Schiller to reject request from Smith Seeding for increase in cost at Pleasant Plain due to the fact USDA RD will not allow a material cost increase change order. Motion carried.**

#M22-12

- WARNER ENGINEERING: Project Update Report – No Report Submitted

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved:


Chairperson, Henry W. Van Weelden

Date:

8-14-11