

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – AUG. 14TH, 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 Aug. 14th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Deke Wood, Chris Ball, Ernie Schiller, Jack Seward, Marc Lindeen (Alt. for Henry Co.), Jim Cary, Bob Waugh and Lee Dimmitt. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye-Finance Manager

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co., Greg Kenning-Wapello Co.

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Christinia Crippes-The Hawkeye & Kent Rice-French Reneker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve the Aug. 14th, 2013 agenda as presented.

Motion carried. #M10-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 10th, 2013 Annual & regular meeting:

Motion by Jim Cary, second by Chris Ball to approve the minutes of the annual & regular monthly board meeting held on July 10th, 2013. Motion carried. #M11-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

- FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report –ARGYLE: Drawings have been approved by IDNR & USDA RD – just waiting on final funding.
- GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report – Jeremiah Selby
LEE COUNTY/MOOAR-PWDTN: Waiting to hear from IDNR on the waste load allocations for the project.
OLLIE: USDA still working on the underwriting

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. Motion carried by all. #M12-14**
Checks cut/approved: Alliant Energy \$984.45 Allied Systems, Inc. \$824.98 Anderson, Roberts, Porth & Wallace, P.L.C \$2,610.00 Burlington Hawkeye \$134.63 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$210.00 First National Bank \$61.10 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$723.73 French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. \$3,350.00 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$3,200.00 Great Plains Locating Service, Inc. \$661.20 Great Plains One Call Service \$59.85 Hamilton Concrete Products Co. \$26.75 Iowa Dept of Natural Resources \$1,850.00 Iowa One Call \$54.00 Keokuk County \$14,438.55 Liquid Grow \$71.33 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Michael Mason \$16.50 Miller, Toni \$50.00 Office of Auditor of State \$3,000.00 Ottumwa Courier \$20.85 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$31.03 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Showman, Dan \$25.00 TD&T Financial Group \$2,250.00 The Washington Evening Journal \$2.70 Visa/Bancard \$555.65 Windstream \$352.48
 - *Executive Director Update* – Greenbrier completed and will move on to Libertyville Rd. Rec'd a letter from Washington Co. with questions on the time frame for paying the expenses on Richmond/Rubio project.
 - *Discuss/Consider due date for County "Operational costs/dues"* After some discussion – **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to set Oct. 1st of each year for "County Operational costs/dues" be paid to RUSS. If not received by said date, a 10% late fee would be assessed. Motion carried, with Bob Waugh abstaining. #M13-14**
 - *Discuss/Consider designating a newspaper for publishing or RUSS minutes and posting of RUSS agenda*-After hearing information from the State Auditor's office, RUSS agendas will continue to be posted in each member

county's courthouse for public viewing/access-Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Chris Ball to designate Mt. Pleasant Newspaper as the official paper for publishing RUSS minutes. Motion carried by all. #M14-14

- Discuss/Consider "amendment to Letter of Condition" for PPL/EPPL-Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to approve the "Amendment to Letter of Condition" for PPL/EPPL and have the RUSS Chair sign. Motion carried by all. #M15-14
- Discuss/Consider Loan Resolution (PPL/EPPL cost overrun paperwork) by roll call-Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Ernie Schiller to approve the Loan Resolution for the PPL/EPPL cost overrun. Motion carried by all. ROLL CALL VOTE BY COUNTY: 8 Ayes = Chris Ball-Louisa, Jack Seward-Washington, Lee Dimmitt-Jefferson, Bob Waugh-Van Buren, Jim Cary-Des Moines, Ernie Schiller-Lee, Marc Lindeen-Henry & Daryl Wood-Keokuk; 0 Nays. #M16-14
- Discuss/Consider PPL/EPPL "Resolution providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$501,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Notes-Series 2013" – Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Ernie Schiller to approve signing the Resolution #01-14 providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$501,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Notes-Series 2013. Motion carried by all. #M17-14 ROLL CALL VOTE BY COUNTY: 8 Ayes = Chris Ball-Louisa, Jack Seward-Washington, Lee Dimmitt-Jefferson, Bob Waugh-Van Buren, Jim Cary-Des Moines, Ernie Schiller-Lee, Marc Lindeen-Henry & Daryl Wood-Keokuk; 0 Nays.
- Discuss/Consider all remaining outstanding debts to PPL/EPPL project to be paid at loan closing-Motion by Jim Cary, second by Marc Lindeen to approve payout of all remaining debts on the PPL/EPPL project at loan closing. Motion carried by all. #M18-14
- Discuss/Consider giving the RUSS Co-chair authority to sign PPL/EPPL closing documents in the absence of the RUSS Sec/Treas.-Motion by Bob Waugh, second by Lee Dimmitt giving authority to the RUSS CO-chair to sign PPL/EPPL closing documents in the absence of the RUSS Sec/Treas. Motion carried by all. #M19-14
- Discuss/Consider Argyle wastewater rehab-after much discussion, Lee Dimmitt suggested contacting the Ombudsman to get involved with the project.
- Discuss Mt. Sterling-update – RUSS submitted responses back to Van Buren County on items in question in the 28E agreement and has not heard anything back.
- Discuss/Consider giving the Exec. Board authority to make any and all decisions regarding Mt. Union litigation matters – Motion by Jim Cary, second by Lee Dimmitt to give the Exec. Board authority to make any and all decisions regarding Mt. Union litigation matters and report back to the board. Motion carried by all. #M20-14
- Discuss/Consider litigation proceedings with Mt. Union (possible closed session-pursuant to Chapter 21.5 Ia. Code) –nothing

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M21-14 Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Sept. 11th, 2013 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

9-11-2013
Date