

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – DEC. 11TH, 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 Dec. 11th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

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

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Christinia Crippes-The Hawkeye, Kent Rice-French Reneker, Amy Beavers-Des Moines County & Mark Fincel-Garden & Associates

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Bob Waugh to approve the Dec. 11th, 2013 agenda as presented.

Motion carried. #M48-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nov. 20th, 2013 regular meeting:

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Greg Moeller to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on Nov. 20th, 2013. Motion carried. #M49-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report – nothing new to report

GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report – Mark Fincel notified the board that Jeremiah Selby would be leaving his firm so he would be taking over all RUSS projects. **MOAR/POWDERTOWN:** should have information ready for RUSS & Lee County Board Of Supervisors to review in January. **OLLIE-**will get remaining easements signed over next few weeks.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received. **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Chris Ball to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by all. #M50-14** Checks cut/approved: Total=\$422,282.75 – Alliant Energy\$188.43 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$90.00 City of Fairfield \$442.00 Deluxe for Business \$337.56 First National Bank \$27,514.11Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$1,300.00 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$1,000.00 Iowa Finance Authority-SRF \$357,307.39 Kent Hummell \$30.00 Keokuk County \$20,586.87 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Randy's Plumbing\$225.00 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$37.23 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Smith Jr., Walter \$60.00 Strohman, Greg \$992.50 Visa/Bancard \$353.99 Windstream \$331.33

Executive Director Update – Will meet with Ollie residents next week to sign easements; FY15 Budget process has begun; attended arbitration meeting in Des Moines on Dec. 3rd for Mahaska/Wapello; Bruce met with Personnel Committee-received Annual evaluation. Personnel Committee (Greg Moeller, Ernie Schiller, Lee Dimmitt) met 12/11/13 and brought recommendations to the RUSS board that they should consider a 2% raise to all RUSS employees for the FY15 budget year (no vote was needed or taken at this time)-will be discussed further in the January 2014 meeting. The Executive board expressed concern that all members needed to take a more hands-on approach if RUSS is truly going to work towards reducing the operational fees from each county.

Discuss/Consider Legal Service Agreement w/Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. for the Ollie Project- **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve signing the Legal Service Agreement w/Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. for the Ollie Project. Motion carried by all. #M51-14**

Discuss/Consider System Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Plans (All systems) are complete- **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt sign verification for USDA that the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Plans (All systems) are complete. Motion carried by all. #M52-14**

Discuss Argyle wastewater rehab- RUSS is still looking into finding additional funding

Discuss Mt. Union update – RUSS responded to a letter received from Ben Johnson inquiring about the sewer rate increase and why having to pay for those not paying their sewer bill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Jack Seward to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M53-14
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Jan. 8th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl D Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

1-8-14
Date