

Regional Utility Service System
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes
December 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on December 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Deke Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were present: Deke Wood – Keokuk County; Chris Ball – Louisa County; Lee Dimmitt – Jefferson County; Mark Meek – Van Buren County; Jim Cary – Des Moines County; Ron Fedler – Lee County; Greg Moeller – Henry County

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Hudson - Executive Director; Diane Meth - Finance Manager; Tammy LeMaster – Argyle Community Boosters

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to Approve Agenda by Chris Ball; Second by Jim Cary. All Ayes. #MO-46-24

DISCUSS/CONSIDER Argyle ball park (Tammy LeMaster): Discussion was held regarding reconnecting the ball diamond's sewer service. Motion to table item by Greg Moeller, to allow time for a meeting between Argyle Community Boosters, the Des Moines Township Trustees, and the Lee County Board of Supervisors regarding reconnection to be allowed, as the Lee County Board of Supervisors requested the service be disconnected in June 2016 due to continuous nonpayment; Second by Ron Fedler. All ayes. #MO-47-24

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to Approve Minutes for November 8, 2023 regular meeting by Mark Meek; Second by Lee Dimmitt. All Ayes, with the exception of Chris Ball - abstain (absent from meeting). #MO-48-24

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report, bills payable and delinquent customer report by Jim Cary; Second by Ron Fedler. All Ayes. #MO-49-24

FINANCIALS: Alliant Energy \$986.35; Chittick Tiling \$665.00; Culligan \$31.95; IMWCA \$147.00; Iowa One Call \$41.40; Iowa Pump Works \$3,030.00; Chris Krebs \$122.00; Lee County Auditor \$38,063.04; Pep Stop \$238.08; Robins Sales & Service \$375.00; Rural Development \$12,672.31; State Hygienic Lab \$204.00; T-Mobile \$388.70; Titan Broadcasting \$440.00; USIC Locating \$196.35; VISA \$4,342.30; W Washington Properties \$600.00; Westercamp Automotive \$133.71; Windstream \$135.64; WMPF \$62.27

DISCUSS/CONSIDER wages for FY25: The Board recommended calculating a 3% increase for any employee who has been employed for one year or more at the time of this recommendation.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER 28E Agreement with Lee County for payroll services: The current agreement will expire on June 30, 2023. Motion to table item by Mark Meek, to allow time to discuss terms with the Lee County Board of Supervisors; Second by Chris Ball. All Ayes. #MO-50-24

DISCUSS/CONSIDER Audit FY23: The completed audit has been received in draft form. Motion to table item by Chris Ball, to allow time to receive the final form for consideration; Second by Greg Moeller. All Ayes. #MO-51-24.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Audits FY25 - FY27: The agreement with Forge Financial will be completed with FY24. Motion by Chris Ball to send RFPs now for the Audit periods of FY25 - FY27; Second by Greg Moeller. All Ayes. #MO-52-24

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: Discussed environmental health contracts.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Jim Cary; Second by Mark Meek. All Ayes. #MO-53-24. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes approved:  Date: 1-10-2024
Greg Moeller, Vice Chairman