

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – FEB. 12TH, 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 Feb. 12th, 2014 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, Greg Kenning and Lee Dimmitt. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson and Operator Kent Hummell

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co. – Chose to sit in visitors section

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News and Amy Beavers-Des Moines County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Greg Moeller to approve the Feb. 12th, 2014 agenda as presented with changing item F to say, Discuss/Consider FY15 Operational Dues due to lack of UMO Funding. Motion carried. #M65-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jan. 8th, 2014 regular meeting and Jan. 16th, 2014 (special meeting) minutes:

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Bob Waugh to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on Jan. 8th, 2014 regular meeting and Jan. 16th, 2014 (special meeting) minutes. Motion carried. #M66-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report – nothing to report

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received. **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by all. #M67-14** Checks cut/approved: Total=\$49,694.93

Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. \$8,919.72 Alliant Energy \$1,149.70 Allied Systems, Inc. \$144.00 Anderson, Roberts, Porth & Wallace, P.L.C \$2,000.00 Burlington Hawkeye \$274.15 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$180.00 City of Fairfield \$378.00 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$4,017.79 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$2,277.25 Great Plains Locating Service, Inc. \$35.70 Great Plains One Call Service \$4.75 Iowa Dept of Natural Resources \$85.00 Iowa One Call \$17.10 Kathy Dye \$35.60 Kent Hummell \$142.36 Keokuk County \$14,313.93 Mann Farms \$595.00 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Michael Mason \$41.25 Mt. Pleasant News \$123.50 Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. \$31.03 Regional Utility Service System \$640.00 Ridders Business Supply \$36.79 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Smith Jr., Walter \$62.00 Strohman, Greg \$1,050.00 Teledyne Instruments, Inc. \$73.03 US Cellular \$406.20 Visa/Bancard \$743.30 West Bend Mutual \$100.00 Windstream \$331.47

Discuss/Consider closing Richmond & Rubio Construction bank accounts at 1st National Bank -

Motion was made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Greg Moeller to close Richmond & Rubio Construction bank accounts at 1st National Bank. Motion carried by all. #M68-14

Executive Director Update – Meeting in Ollie to sign easements and discuss project. Still working on Argyle rehab project and possible UMO funding with DNR. Attended Waste Water Class with Kent Hummell.

Discuss/Consider changing March meeting to March 19th due to “Day at Capital” for supervisors– Motion was made by Jim Cary, second by Ernie Schiller to change March meeting to March 19th due to “Day at Capital” for supervisors. Motion carried by all. #M69-14

Discuss/Consider changing April meeting to April 16th – Motion was made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Bob Waugh to change April meeting to April 16th. Motion carried by all. #M70-14

Discuss/Consider FY15 Operational Dues due to lack of UMO Funding – After lengthy discussion. Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to change FY15 Operational Dues from the counties \$13,650.00. 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. #M71-14

Discuss/Consider Davis County amount due on books – Motion was made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Greg Moeller to write off Davis County amount due on books which is \$19,000.00. 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.-Y = 9 Ayes to 0 Nays. Motion passed. #M72-14

Discuss/Consider Resolution for Ollie Project - Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to change. 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 Nays. Motion passed. #M73-14

Discuss/Consider “Offer to buy Real Estate and Acceptance” for Ollie lagoon property – Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to sign the “Offer to buy Real Estate and Acceptance” for Ollie lagoon property. Motion carried by all. #M74-14

Discuss/Consider approving “Letter of Intent” Ollie project for USDA – Motion was made by Jim Cary, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve “Letter of Intent” Ollie project for USDA. Motion carried with 8 Ayes to 1 Nay. #M75-14

Discuss Lee County – 25% funding for Argyle Rehab– Discuss Lee County’s willingness to cover the 25% of the project.

Discuss Argyle wastewater rehab

Discuss/Consider Personnel – Russ personnel committee interviewed candidates for the open Finance Manager position. Committee offered position to Michelle Miller, offer was accepted by Miller. Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to hire Michelle Miller as Finance Manager – salary will be \$33,000.00 plus \$500.00 monthly stipend. She will receive 6 month evaluation and yearly evaluation as well. Motion carried with 8 Ayes to 1 Nay. #M76-14

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Vander Molen – Spoke to the board during in the five minute briefing meeting about the Future of Russ and UMO Funding but was not involved in the meeting. . Mr. Vander Molen stated that “...if you want to grow RUSS, I think that is fine and great but we do not want to be part of it.” Mahaska Co. Supervisors do not want to remove themselves from the obligations that they have made with RUSS but they want to protect their tax payers. In regards to the UMO funding there is a question of why it has taken so long to have these discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bob Waugh, seconded by Jack Seward to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M77-14
Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Chairperson, Daryl Wood

Date