

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – JAN. 8TH, 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 Jan. 8th, 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 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 and Amy Beavers-Des Moines County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Lee Dimmitt to approve the Jan. 8th, 2014 agenda as presented.
Motion carried. #M54-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dec. 11th, 2013 regular meeting:

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Bob Waugh to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on Dec. 11th, 2013. Motion carried. #M55-14

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 Chris Ball to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by all. #M56-14** Checks cut/approved: Total=\$38,906.26 Alliant Energy \$905.06 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$80.00 City of Fairfield \$104.00 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$1,120.00 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$2,271.75 Great Plains Locating Service, Inc. \$124.95 Great Plains One Call Service \$13.30 Keokuk County \$14,313.93 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Meyers Driveway & Septic Tank \$200.00 Mt. Pleasant News \$171.00 Orenco Systems, Inc. \$471.95 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$31.03 Regional Utility Service System \$3,809.61 Roto-Rooter \$853.83 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Smith Jr., Walter \$62.00 State Hygienic Laboratory \$95.00 Strohmman, Greg \$992.50 US Cellular \$202.86 Visa/Bancard \$1,266.24 Windstream \$330.94

Executive Director Update – Should receive the PER for Moarr/Powdertown by 1/10/14 from Garden & Associates for review. Met with members of Ollie City Council to discuss their sewer project. RUSS Finance Committee met to review FY15 budget – will bring to February meeting for approval.

Discuss/Consider Arbitration ruling (Mahaska & Wapello counties) – The ruling came back (3-0) that counties cannot get out of the RUSS organization (per 28E agreement) due to outstanding indebtedness. Through the review of the ruling – **Motion was made by Ernie Schiller, second by Jim Cary to remove the 10% penalty fee assessed to county operational costs and from RUSS accounting records for Mahaska & Wapello county (1x only). Motion carried by all. #M57-14**

Discuss Argyle wastewater rehab- RUSS is still looking into finding additional funding. Bruce Hudson to attend the 1/14/14 Lee County Board of Supervisor meeting to discuss.

Discuss Mt. Union update – Court date set for 2/4/14 beginning @ 9:00 a.m. Ernie Schiller voiced that he felt it would be beneficial for RUSS to have any available board members be present during the trial.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Bob Waugh to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M58-14
Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Feb. 12th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

2-12-14
Date