

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT**  
**WEDNESDAY – JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – 1:15 P.M. (following Annual meeting)**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

**RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deke Wood, Chris Ball, Rick Larkin (sub for Lee County), Jack Seward, Greg Moeller, Jim Cary, Bob Waugh and Lee Dimmitt. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye-Finance Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeremiah Selby – Garden & Associates; Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Jason Parrott-Tri-State Public Radio, Christinia Crippes-The Hawkeye

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion made by Bob Waugh, seconded by Chris Ball to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 agenda as presented. Motion carried. #M04-14**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 MEETING:**

**Motion by Jim Cary, second by Bob Waugh to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Motion carried. #M05-14**

**ENGINEERING UPDATES:**

- **FRENCH-RENEKER:** Project Update Report – Kent Rice was not present. Bruce Hudson read the report submitted by Kent stating that the MT. UNION system is still running well. Orenco Systems has contacted him regarding doing another story on Mt. Union and they are going to talk with Bruce Hudson. **ARGYLE:** Drawings have been submitted to IDNR, USDA RD and bond counsel-still waiting on comments.
- **GARDEN & ASSOCIATES:** Project Update Report – Jeremiah Selby  
**LEE COUNTY/MOOAR-PWDTN:** Waiting to hear from IDNR on the waste load allocations for the project.  
**PPL/EPPL:** Waiting on USDA RD to officially close the project.  
**OLLIE:** Consider Engineering Amendment #1 for Ollie for review/approval. **Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Chris Ball to authorize the board chair to sign the Amendment #1 to Engineering Agreement. Motion carried -with Jack Seward/Washington County abstaining. #M06-14** Jeremiah also reported that USDA RD is working on underwriting (separating the ORR project).

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received. **Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Greg Moeller to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by all. #M07-14**  
Checks cut/approved: Alliant Energy \$987.32 Allied Systems, Inc. \$994.63 Burlington Hawkeye \$142.93 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$280.00 DeLong-Keith Construction, Inc. \$59,139.06 Dorsey & Whitney LLP \$26,151.45 Electric Pump \$43.93 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$2,727.74 French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. \$350.00 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$1,729.87 Great Plains Locating Service, Inc. \$376.35 Great Plains One Call Service \$17.10 Hopp's Computers & More \$100.00 Iowa One Call \$23.40 Keokuk County \$14,263.23 Liquid Grow \$71.33 Lynch Dallas, PC \$607.50 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Michael Mason \$8.25 Miller, Toni \$60.00 Office of Auditor of State \$3,900.00 Ottumwa Courier \$111.86 Quality Equipment \$160.50 Randy's Plumbing \$231.92 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$31.03 Regional Utility Service System \$420.00 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Showman, Dan \$25.00 TD&T Financial Group \$2,000.00 The Washington Evening Journal \$113.30 US Cellular \$201.81 Visa/Bancard \$1,638.52 Windstream \$329.20
- ***Executive Director Update*** – Greenbrier construction on individual systems has begun. Bruce will begin talks with Libertyville Rd. residents. Easement Releases will be signed for Washington County residents.

- *Discuss/Consider publishing of RUSS minutes and posting of RUSS agenda*-after much discussion-RUSS staff will continue to research options and bring back to the board
- *Discuss/Consider Attorney Fee contract with T. Roberts – After some discussion and questions, Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Jim Cary to accept the Attorney contract as written requesting that the attorney keep RUSS Executive Director apprised of expenses throughout the process. Motion approved by all. #M08-14*
- *Discuss/Consider “Bond Resolution” changes per State Audit*-waiting for USDA to approve before bringing to the board
- *Discuss/Consider Argyle wastewater rehab*-plans have been submitted to IDNR & USDA
- *Discuss Mt. Sterling-update* – still working through the process of the 28E agreement. Bob Waugh asked about other county’s ordinances or collecting through assessing property taxes. Bruce Hudson to help with getting that information to Van Buren County supervisors.
- *Discuss/Consider litigation proceedings with Mt. Union (possible closed session-pursuant to Chapter 21.5 Ia. Code)* –Jack Seward had questions regarding the information being reported in the news media vs. what RUSS has in the files. Bruce Hudson gave Jack and all board members an overview of what is going on with Mt. Union currently-court papers filed, etc.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, seconded by Jim Cary to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M09-14**  
Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood  
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

8-14-2013  
Date