

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – June 11TH, 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 June 11th, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Daryl Wood, Ernie Schiller, Jack Seward, Greg Moeller, Jim Cary, Mark Meek, Chris Ball and Lee Dimmitt, Greg Kenning. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson, Krista Edmunds-Finance Manager, Kent Hummell-System Operator

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co.

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Kent Rice-French Reneker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Chris Ball to approve the June. 11th, 2014 agenda as presented.

Motion carried. #M122-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 14, 2014 regular meeting:

Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Chris Ball to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on May 14, 2014. Motion carried. #M123-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report – Kent presented the Argyle Rehab Construction contract to be signed by Russ. French- Reneker also presented that they will be holding a contractors meeting around the 1st of July.

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.** Alliant Energy \$884.77, Allied systems \$2739.96 Anderson, Roberts. Proth & Wallace PLC \$380.00, Burlington Hawkeye \$ 50.76 City Of Fort Madison \$120.00, Daily Gate \$38.48, Flomm \$600.00, Foss Kuiken & Cochran \$2907.00, Garden & Associates \$5585.58, Great Plains Locating \$376.55, J/S Electronics \$525.00, Kent Hummell \$17.11, Keokuk County \$16,505.43, Keokuk county recorder \$12.00, Liquid Grow \$75.28, Keith Menke \$1,520.00, Mt Pleasant News \$178.86, Randy's Plumbing \$305.00, Rathbun \$31.03, Ron's Tire Repair \$283.99, Roto Rooter \$1000.89, Dan Showman \$25.00, Walter Smith \$62.00, State Hygienic Laboratory \$76.00, TD&T \$1000.00, Teledyne \$129.24, The Washington Evening Journal \$55.63, US Cellular \$279.19, Visa bankcard \$422.41, Weldon's \$250.00, Windstream \$307.54 Total of \$37,364.57 Motion carried by all. #M124-14

Executive Director Update – Russ has hired a new finance manager Krista Edmunds, Bruce stated we are going through the learning curve, but it seems to be going well. Russ is still currently working out details with moving into the construction phase for Ollie; Russ will be submitting resolutions soon for moar-powdertown. Russ has been working on draw downs, Kent- systems operator has been out everyday testing the lagoons. We have one lagoon we are watching carefully trying to get it into compliance so we can dump.

*Discuss/Consider Thornburg onsite waste water proposed project- It was stated the 24 homes our habitual. 10 residents are moving forward with project. Very close to starting project. **Motion by Ernie. #M125-14 Seconded by Mark Meek eight in favor Greg Kenning abstained.***

Discuss/Consider executing construction for Argyle contract- Contract was reviewed with update from Kent however total contract is set for 144,802.50 with Randy's plumbing. They have 120 days to start project. All bonds including

*performance bond is completed and enclosed. Plan to start project middle of July. We have set money aside through Lee Co, to make sure this project is being over saw. Russ director will be over seeing this project at least once a week. Ruel Development is putting in 75% as grant money making sure these system are brought up to performance. Argyle water board has given up, we will have Steve Newberry working along with this project also. **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt all in favor abstained by Greg Kenning. Motion carried by all. #M126-14 8 in favor with one nay by Greg Kenning***

Discuss/Consider 28E agreement with Lee County to become Russ employer of record. (Fiscal Agent)- Russ agreed to allow Lee county to become there Fiscal agent as of July 1, 2014. \$2,000 will be deducted from Lee co. operational cost. Russ will be looking into finding workers comp. Russ will adopt same policy's that all of the same approvals will transfer to employees. Lee County is only doing payroll not managing these employees. Russ does not find anything damaging to the organization by switching to Lee County. 28E was approved. All in favor 8 said I with wapallo co abstained.

Motion: by Lee Dimmitt #M127-14 Seconded by: Jack Seward

Discuss and consider Mahaska Co. lawsuit possible closed session pursuant it to Chapter 21.5 © Iowa code- The ruling was presented from the findings and facts conclusion of law and ruling that they Mahaska County would have to pay debt owed. Russ application to enforce arbitration award filed Jan 28, 2014 is hereby granted. Mahaska Cpony application filed on March 19, 2014 was hereby denied. The Mahaska County clerk will shall assess all court costs associated with this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jim Cary, seconded by Ernie Schiller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M128-14 Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for July. 9th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

7-9-14
Date