

**Regional Utility Service Systems
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 8th, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on March 8th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were present: Lee Dimmitt- Jefferson County, Daryl Wood- Keokuk County, and Bob Waugh- Van Buren County, Chris Ball-Louisa County, Gary See-Henry County

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Cary-Des Moines County, Greg Moeller-Henry County

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Hudson- Executive Director, Deb Breeden-Finance Manager , Brooks Taylor- Mt Pleasant News, Stephen Pederick- French-Reneker, Delores Allman-Ollie Ia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by: Bob Waugh, Seconded by: Ron Fedler, Motion Passed
#MO60-17

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 8th, 2017 MEETING:
Motion to approve: Lee Dimmitt, Second by: Bob Waugh, Gary See-Abstained...Motion Passed
#MO61-17

GENERAL:

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS: Bills Received, Delinquent Customer Report, and Bank Reconciliation Report. Visa \$2,254.82, Alliant \$965.84, Leison Pumping \$32,000.00, Windstream \$252.19, 1st Bank \$110.52, Rural Development \$10,970.31, Bruce Hudson \$720.20, CF&T Service \$300.00, Clear Falls \$6.25, Des Moines County Sheriff \$24.64, Flomm \$600.00, Iowa one Call \$26.10, J&S Electronics \$158.31, Lee County \$18,872.61, Mt Pleasant News \$68.69, USIC \$348.85, City Ft. Madison \$80.00, City Fairfield \$126.00, Allied \$636.36, and Walter Smith \$56.00. Motion to approve January 2017 Financials, Motion by: Lee Dimmitt, Second by Chris Ball...Motion Passed **#MO62-17**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: Executive Director Bruce Hudson discussed his trip to Washington DC and his subsequent meeting with United States Senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst. Bruce advocated the need for smarter regulations. Bruce indicated he would have a meeting on Friday March 9th, 2017 with the community of Parnell to finalize contract for services for their waste water treatment System...Bruce believes this is a viable option for RUSS going forward to take on the management of existing systems in addition to owning them. Bruce discussed meeting with State Representative Curt Hanson explaining concerns with water quality testing in small Community systems...new requirements are problematic, will be meeting with DNR on subject. Bruce spoke about attending a NanO2 demonstration on an aeration process putting NanO2 bubbles into Lagoon Systems to force oxygen into lagoon...also

supposed to help with bottom sludge. New license regulations and testing regulations could be a concern. Bruce met with Ollie City Council to discuss assessing property taxes for sewer arrears and allowing RUSS the ability to do that.

Discuss/Consider Delores Allman: Delores Allman asked the Board to allow for payment arrangements on sewer arrears for a property she owns in Ollie...after an extended discussion the Board adjourned at 1:40 to allow the Chair to speak with his General Relief Coordinator...meeting was reconvened at 1:51 pm. After reconvening the Board determined that a payment arrangement could be made...Ms. Allman is to pay \$100.00 per month (to be applied to her arrears) plus her regular monthly sewer charge until arrears are paid in full. Payment must be in the RUSS office (1501 W. Washington Street, Mt Pleasant IA) by the 15th of every month beginning on March 15th, 2017. When March payment is made Sewer Service will be restored within 24-48hr. Failure to adhere to payment arrangements in anyway will cause immediate termination of Sewer Service. Motion to approve payment arrangement by Chris Ball, second Bob Waugh...Motion passed. **#MO63-17**

Discuss Mt. Union Update: Bruce advised that the City Development Board was meeting on March 8th, 2017 at 1pm to determine the discontinuance request of Mt Union. Working with Henry County to develop a 28E agreement regarding Sewer Service for Mt Union.

Discuss/Consider Sheep Purchase: Bruce discussed with the Board about purchasing sheep to help with lagoon grounds maintenance. Motion by: Chris Ball to allow the purchase of one dozen sheep (12), Second by: Ron Fedler...Motion passed. **#MO64-17**

Public Comment: No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn at 2:20 pm by Lee Dimmitt, Second: Chris Ball...Motion passed. **#MO65-17**

Next meeting is Wednesday **April 12th, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes approved: Daryl Wood Date: 4-12-17
Chairperson, Daryl Wood