

# Regional Utility Service Systems

## Draft Minutes

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on May 11, 2016 at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were present: Greg Moeller- Henry County, Jim Cary- Des Moines County, Lee Dimmitt- Jefferson County, Chris Ball- Louisa County, Daryl Wood- Keokuk County, and Bob Waugh- Van Buren County.

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Fedler- Lee County

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Hudson- Executive Director, Krista Edmunds- Finance Manager, Austin Anderson- RUSS Intern, Brooks Taylor- Mt Pleasant News, Melanie Carlson- French Reneker, Julia Shumway- Burlington Hawk Eye

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by: Bob Waugh, Seconded by: Greg Moeller to approve the agenda for May 11, 2016. Motioned carried by all. #M129-16

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by: Jim Cary, Seconded by: Lee Dimmitt to approve the minutes for April 13, 2016. Motioned carried by all. #M130-16

GENERAL: Bills Received, Delinquent Customer Report, and Bank Reconciliation Report: Windstream \$252.44, Alliant \$1,089.93, Great Plains Locating \$227.50, Walter Smith \$60.00, City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$270.00, Rathburn \$384.36, Pro Service Investigations \$156.95, Randy's Plumbing \$5,221.38, Keith Menke \$570.00, Foss \$5,213.25, Roto-Rooter \$259.48, NOEL Insurance \$6,151.39, US Cellular \$ 194.56, J/S Electronics \$129.18, Lee County Auditors \$14,069.67, Iowa Communities \$37.20, Des Moines Area \$250.00, City of Fairfield \$84.00, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources \$85.00, Flomm \$600.00, Kent Hummell \$42.78. Motioned by Gregg Moeller, Seconded by Jim Cary. Motioned carried by all. #M131-16

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: Director discussed- he would be contacting the DNR regarding those whom have had their sewer shut off and appear to be using a camper for their sewer in Mt. Union. Mt Union has filed their intent to appeal the recent decision, and RUSS will act accordingly. Also discussed the possibility of installing more shut off in other communities who aren't paying their sewer bill.

Discuss/Consider operating Denmark Community Wastewater system: Motioned by Jim Cary, Seconded by Bob Waugh to move forward with working with the city of Denmark to possible operate and maintain their wastewater system. Motion carried by all. #M132-16

Discuss/Consider hourly wage for the Intern from Iowa Wesleyan University: Motioned by Bob Waugh, Seconded by Gregg Moeller to pay intern \$10 an hour for a total of 240hrs as a contract

employee, and for the Director to work out those details within the contract. Motion carried by all. #M133-17

Discuss/Condsider engineer agreement for Argyle final design: Motioned by Lee Dimmitt, Seconded by Chris Ball to approve final design contract with French-Reneker for Argyle. Motion carried by all. #M134-16

Discuss/Consider construction contract with documents for Randy's Plumbing for Argyle project: Motioned by Bob Waugh, Seconded by Chris Ball to approve contract with Randy's Plumbing for Argyle project. Motion carried by all. #M135-16

Discuss Mt. Union Update: Bruce discussed the appeal of the court decision and was hoping to lower rates but cannot due to the new court date and the ongoing issues with Mt Union.

Discuss Mooar/Powdertown update: Bruce discussed Mooar/Powdertown issues and the challenges they are facing with coming up with a solution. We are waiting on Lee County to decide how we should/they want RUSS to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned by Bob Waugh, Seconded by Lee Dimmitt to adjourn meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried by all. #M136-15

Next meeting is Wednesday June 8, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes approved: Daryl Wood Date: 6-8-16

Chairperson, Daryl Woods