

REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – Nov 5, 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 November 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Daryl Wood- Keokuk Co., Ron Fedler – Alternate for Lee Co, Jack Seward-Washington Co, Greg Moeller-Henry Co, Jim Cary-Des Moines, Bob Waugh- Van Buren, Greg Kenning –Wapello Co ,Lee Dimmitt- Jefferson Co, Mike Vander Molen- Mahaska Co, Paula Buckman alternate for Louisa Co. Russ staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson, Krista Edmunds- Finance Manager, Kent Hummell – Operator

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Ball – Louisa Co, Ernie Schiller- Lee Co.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kent Rice-French Reneker; Lucas Helling -Russ Attorney, Abe Miller, Dennis Stalder, Les Lickefoose, Matt Midurn- Ottumwa Courier, Rusty Ebert- Van Buren County Register.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made Lee Dimmitt, Seconded by Jim Cary to approve the November 5, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried by all. #M020-15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Oct 8, 2014 regular meeting:

Motion by Lee Dimmitt, Second by Greg Moeller to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Oct 8th, 2014. Motion carried. 9 Ayes 1 Abstained #M021-15

ENGINEERING REPORTS:

FRENCH-RENEKER: Lots of work completed on the Argyle Rehab project. Made more progress in a week then they did all month due to rain. The system should be functional and up and running this week sometime. They have decided to put off seeding till spring will be laying mulch down through the winter.

GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report –nothing new to report

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received. Russ paid out French Reneker \$2,172.13, Randy's Plumbing \$25,956.55, Alliant Energy \$1,900.14, Windstream \$310.96, Allied \$1,400.00, Keith Menke \$1520.00, Flomm \$600.00, Rathbun \$ 31.03, On Call \$179.65, Kelly Piper \$900.00, , Ron's Tire 39.95, Dorsey & Whitney \$6213.80 , DNR \$85.00, Ollie \$40.00, U.S Cellular \$193.70, SCC \$119.00, Snyder \$360.00. Total amount of: \$42,021.91

Motion by: Lee Dimmitt Seconded by: Ron Fedler. To approve the treasure's report Motion carried by all. # M022-15

Executive Director Update: Bruce has a construction Meeting scheduled for Monday, Nothing new to present.

Discuss/Consider deobligating funds for PPL/EPP in the amount of \$9922.75 back to USDA:

Motioned by: Lee Dimmitt Seconded by: Gregg Moeller to deobligate remaining funds to USDA Motioned carried by all. #M023-15

Discuss/Consider closing PPL/EPP construction :

Motioned by: Lee Dimmitt Seconded by: Ron Fedler to close PPL/EPP checking acct. Motioned carried by all. #M024-15

Discuss/ Consider partial payment #3 for Randy's plumbing: Motioned by, Bob Waugh Seconded by, Lee Dimmitt. To pay partial payment #3 to Randy's plumbing. **Motioned carried by all. #M025-15**

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Discuss/ Consider resolution #R3015 Instituting policy regarding attorney fees in connection with enforcement of payment commission or operational fees:

No Vote

Discuss/Consider hiring entity's to complete FY14 Audit:

Motioned By: Lee Dimmitt **Seconded by:** Greg Moller to have TD&T do completion report the State Auditors complete the Audit for RUSS FY14 Motioned carried by all. #M26-15

Discuss Russ alternate funding solutions:

After a long discussion it was agreed to be discussed and or continued at another time

Discuss modification and or update of the existing RUSS Intergovernmental ²⁸SE agreement:

After a long discussion it was agreed to be discussed and or continued at another time. Executive board will work with the counties wanting out of RUSS to come up with a plan to be brought back to the full board for a vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

~~Rusty Ebert~~ stated that this meeting was one of the best meetings he has attended and was glad to see this group of board members moving forward.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, **Seconded by,** Gregg Kenning to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried by all.** #M27-15
Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Dec 10, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl Wood *12-10-14*
Chairperson, Daryl Wood Date