

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – OCT. 9TH, 2013 – 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 Oct. 9th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Deke Wood, Ernie Schiller, Jack Seward, Greg Moeller, Jim Cary, Bob Waugh and Lee Dimmitt. RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye-Finance Manager

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co., Greg Kenning-Wapello Co. & Chris Ball-Louisa Co.

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Christinia Crippes-The Hawkeye & Kent Rice-French Reneker, Amy Beavers-Des Moines County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Lee Dimmitt to approve the Oct. 9th, 2013 agenda as presented.

Motion carried. #M31-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sept. 11th, 2013 regular meeting:

Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Greg Moeller to approve the minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held on Sept. 11th, 2013. Motion carried. #M32-14

ENGINEERING UPDATES:

- FRENCH-RENEKER: Project Update Report –Nothing submitted
- GARDEN & ASSOCIATES: Project Update Report – Jeremiah Selby

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Delinquent Cust. Report & Bills received. Jim Cary asked for an explanation as to the operational cost increases over the past several years. Bruce Hudson gave a brief explanation of such. **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by all. #M33-14** Checks cut/approved: Alliant Energy \$858.26 Allied Systems, Inc.\$1,894.62 City Clerk of Ft. Madison \$280.00 Dorsey & Whitney LLP \$18,060.46 First National Bank \$5.35 Flomm, Inc. \$600.00 Foss, Kuiken & Cochran, P.C. \$1,630.00 Garden & Associates, Ltd. \$5,000.00 Great Plains Locating Service, Inc. \$322.05 Great Plains One Call Service \$22.80 HALL'S Septic Service & Construction \$320.00 Industrial Motors \$58.85 Iowa One Call \$20.70 Keokuk County \$14,370.83 Menke, Keith \$1,520.00 Miller, Toni \$60.00 Mt. Pleasant News \$204.25 Office of Auditor of State \$2,000.00 Randy's Plumbing \$305.00 Rathbun Regional Water Association \$31.03 Rural Development \$9,366.31 Showman, Dan \$25.00 State Hygienic Laboratory \$76.00 US Cellular \$405.36 Visa/Bancard \$681.86 Windstream \$67.65 Windstream \$70.18
- *Executive Director Update* – Meeting on Dec. 4th, 2013 in Des Moines for arbitration with Wapello & Mahaska Co. (further discussion at next RUSS meeting); Meeting with residents of Jefferson County/Libertyville Rd.; planning a meeting with Abington residents in Jefferson Co.
- *Discuss/Consider signing of 28E agreement with Van Buren County for Mt. Sterling* – **Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Bob Waugh to approve the signing of the 28E agreement between RUSS and Van Buren County for Mt. Sterling. Motion carried by all. #M34-14** Roll Call vote: Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-Y; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-Y; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y & Henry Co.-Y = 7 Ayes to 0 Nays. In the absence of the RUSS Secretary/Treasurer-Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Greg Moeller to approve the RUSS Vice-

Chair to sign the 28E agreement. #M35-14 Roll Call vote: Keokuk Co.-Y; Wash. Co.-Y; Des Moines Co.-Y; Van Buren Co.-Y; Jeff. Co.-Y; Lee Co.-Y & Henry Co.-Y = 7 Ayes to 0 Nays.

- *Discuss/Consider request for Keokuk County to gravel and shape 575 ft. on 270th St. to be able to access driveway for lagoon site-OLLIE – Motion by Lee Dimmitt, second by Jim Cary to give Bruce Hudson, Exec. Dir. Permission to request for Keokuk County to gravel and shape 575 ft. on 270th St. to be able to access driveway for lagoon site-OLLIE. Motion carried by all. #M36-14*
- *Discuss/Consider RUSS purchasing pump for Webster system – Motion by Ernie Schiller, second by Lee Dimmitt allowing RUSS to purchase a pump for the Webster system, with Webster paying RUSS back upon USDA approving use of Webster Reserve Funds. Motion carried by all. #M37-14*
- *Discuss Argyle wastewater system – will discuss at next RUSS meeting*
- *Discuss Argyle wastewater rehab- will discuss at next RUSS meeting*
- *Discuss Mt. Union update – still moving forward with mediation.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments; however, Jack Seward requested a “payoff” amount for the Richmond/Rubio sewer project through 11/12/13.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ernie Schiller, seconded by Lee Dimmitt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M38-14
Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Nov. 20th, 2013 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:

Daryl K Wood
Chairperson, Daryl Wood

11-20-13
Date