

HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
4:30 P.M.
2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia

Present: Logan Moyers, Rose Helmick, Robert Harper and Connie Sherman – HCPSD.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Robert Harper. The minutes of the January 10, 2024 regular meeting were presented. Robert Harper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Rose Helmick seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

New PSD Facility Project – Logan Moyers reported that the contractor continues to make progress on the construction of the District’s new office & shop facility. Gas service to the building has been activated so that interior flooring & casework can be installed. Pay Requisition #11 in the amount of \$90,858.75 was presented for review and approval. The breakdown of the pay request was \$87,637.50 to the contractor, Lantz Construction of Winchester, for construction work performed and \$3,221.25 to The Thrasher Group for architectural and engineering services. The requested payments are in accordance with the project budget. Rose Helmick made a motion to approve pay requisition #11. Robert Harper seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Carla Acres II Water Storage Tank Project – Logan Moyers reported that the construction of the Carla Acres II tank is complete including water line tie-in work and the installation of a hydro-dynamic mixing system. The tank needs to be filled with water and tested for contaminants before it can be put into service. Once the new tank is in service, the existing Carla Acres tank will be drained so that a hydro-dynamic mixing system can be installed in that tank. Once that work is complete and both tanks are filled, they will work in tandem to provide storage capacity to the 220 North water system. It is anticipated that both tanks will be operational in March 2024. Pay requisition #6 in the amount of \$15, 273.70 was presented for approval. The entire amount of this pay request is to be paid to The Thrasher Group for engineering services provided. Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc., the contractor for the project, did not submit a pay request this month. The requested payment is in accordance with the project budget. Robert Harper made a motion to approve pay requisition #6 as presented. Rose Helmick seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Baker Secondary Water Source Project– Logan Moyers reported that the District continues to wait to receive final written approval from the State Conservation Committee (SCC) for authorization to drill test wells to determine the viability of utilizing groundwater as a secondary source for the Baker water system. The estimated cost of the test wells phase of the project is \$300,000. The Hardy County Commission has provided \$150,000 for the test wells and the District is working to finalize and submit a grant application seeking a \$150,000 match from WVIJDC in order to fully fund this phase of the project. It is hoped that test well drilling and evaluation can take place during the Spring of 2024.

Town of Moorefield Water Purchase Contract – There were no updates on the status of the District’s water purchase contract with the Town of Moorefield.

Hampshire County Extension Project – Logan Moyers reported that he has submitted a pay request to Central Hampshire PSD in the amount of \$44,110 for reimbursement for work completed by the District to extend the main line on Church Road to the Hardy/Hampshire line and establish a point of sale at that location. Moyers said he is also working with the District’s attorney to get the resale rate that will be charged to Central Hampshire PSD for water purchased added into the District’s water tariff. A water purchase agreement with Central Hampshire PSD, which includes an agreed-upon resale rate, was approved as part of Central Hampshire’s WVPSC case for their Purgitsville water project, so there should be no issues in getting the resale rate added to the District’s tariff. It is anticipated that Central Hampshire will begin purchasing water from the District in spring 2024.

Legal Retainer PFAS Polluter's Settlement – Logan Moyers told the board that he participated in a webinar regarding the PFAS settlements that was offered by a law firm based in California and learned that affected water systems can seek funding for PFAS abatement projects in addition to the settlement funds that will be determined by the level on PFAS contamination present in water system's source water. Logan said that he has not yet submitted the retainer agreement that was approved at last month's board meeting because he is still compiling the required information that must accompany the agreement. Moyers suggested the District look into the possibility of obtaining funding from the settlement funding pool for the Baker secondary source project, since that project will establish an alternate water source that hopefully will not be contaminated with PFAS. Logan will look into this possibility before submitting a retainer agreement.

No members of the general public were present at the meeting.

There being no further business, Robert Harper made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rose Helmick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held **March 6, 2024, 4:30 p.m.** at the office of the PSD located at 2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Harper', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Harper, Chairman

These minutes represent a summary of the subject discussed and the actions taken by the members of the Hardy County Public Service District for the regular meeting held on February 7, 2024. The meeting and proceedings were electronically recorded. In the event there may be discrepancies or contradictions between the written minutes and the audio recording, the audio recording shall take precedence.