HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
MARCH 2, 2022
4:30 P.M.
2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia

Present: Rob Harper, Logan Moyers, Rose Helmick, Justin Basye, Connie Sherman, Kevin Markwood - HCPSD.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chairman Robert Harper. Rose Helmick made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes following a change in the language from "grant" funds to "appropriation". Justin Basye seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with the correction to the minutes.

Unfinished Business:

Baker WTP Upgrade Project – Logan Moyers gave an update on the progress of this project. Moyers reported that a representative from Citco Water has started the work to add telemetry to the Dover Hollow pump station but due to issues with the communication contact ports the work was not completed. After discussion with a representative from EFI, the manufacturer of the booster pump station, it was determined that additional work will be needed. The work is scheduled to be completed during the week of March 14th. If there are no further delays, the final drawdown, for expenses to be paid with project contingency funds, will be presented for approval at April's board meeting and the project can then be closed out.

New PSD Facility Project – Logan Moyers had good news to report to the board as it regards the District's new facility. We have received authorization to advertise for bids from project lender USDA-RUS and the bid advertisements will be ran for two weeks beginning with next week's newspaper. A bidding and construction schedule was provided to the board showing an anticipated construction start date of July 2022 and a completion date of June 2023. The deadline for the FEMA grant funds is July 2023.

WVPSC Rate Case – Logan Moyers provided an update on the status of the District's 42R rate case with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. Moyers informed the board that letters of support from the Hardy County Commission, both State Senators, Bryan Ward from the West Virginia House of Delegates, West Virginia Rural Water Association and Janie Berg owner of Loudoun Heights, the District's largest industrial customer, have been filed on the record with WVPSC in the District's 42R rate case. Moyers feels that the letters made an impact on the case because immediately following receipt of the letters, WVPSC issued two orders in the case. The first order rescinded the matter from PSC staff and retained the case to be heard by the Commission itself rather than being decided by a PSC judge. The second order directed PSC staff to proceed with the filing of their recommendation of the rates by March 3, 2022. The order further directed the District to file a response to the staff's recommendation by March 14, 2022. A public hearing was also set to be held at the Hardy County courthouse in the circuit court on April 5, 2022 at 1:30 pm. Members of the public will have the opportunity to express their support that the District's recommended rates be approved at this public meeting. PSC staff has recommended that the rate for the lowest usage block should be increased and the rate for each of the three higher usage blocks should be reduced. Those changes to the rate structure would result in higher bills for residential customers. The District is challenging the PSC's recommended rate structure due to the fact that no complaints have been issued and the District's recommended rates have been in place for the past six months.

New Business:

Equipment Purchase –Logan Moyers informed the board of maintenance issues and repairs to the District's dump truck due to age and mileage. There are funds set aside in an equipment replacement account to be used to purchase equipment in this instance. Following discussion, Rose Helmick authorized the use of funds in the equipment replacement funds up to $75,000 for the purchase of a dump truck. Justin Basey seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The District's dump truck will be sold or traded in and any proceeds will be deposited into the equipment replacement fund.

Miscellaneous Business:

Lead Service Line Survey – All customers of the District were notified on their most recent water bill to contact the office of the District regarding lead service lines. Due to revisions in the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule, the District is required to work with its customers to compile an inventory of lead service lines within their water system. Due to the age of the District's water systems and the date that lead was banned from being used in construction, the District's water systems do not contain lead. The inventory will be based on the type of material of the customer's private water service lines. If a customer does not know the material of their service line, additional inspections will need to be conducted at the residence in the future in order to comply with the EPA's October 16, 2024 deadline.

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

There being no further business, Justin Basye made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Robert Harper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held ***April 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m.*** at the office of the PSD located at 2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia.

R. W. Harper

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 March 2, 2022. 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.