

HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
AUGUST 2, 2023
4:30 P.M.
2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia

Present: Logan Moyers, Rose Helmick, Connie Sherman and Justin Basye via teleconference -HCPSD.

The meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by General Manager Logan Moyers. No action was taken on the approval of the minutes of the July 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Unfinished Business:

New PSD Facility Project – Logan Moyers informed the board that the contractor continues to make progress on the construction of the District's new facility. The contractor has been working on the foundation and utilities while awaiting arrival of the pre-fabricated steel building components to arrive. A full construction crew will be on site once the building components arrive. A new project manager with The Thrasher Group has replaced the former project manager for this project. Pay requisition #5 in the amount of \$124,747.30 was presented for approval at the meeting. The breakdown for this pay requisition was \$114,474.38 to the contractor for construction work performed, \$2,572.92 to The Thrasher Group for engineering services and \$7,700.00 reimbursement to the HCPSD. Rose Helmick made a motion to approve pay requisition #5. Justin Basye seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Carla Acres II Water Storage Tank – Logan Moyers reported that there are no new updates regarding the start of site work on the Carla Acres II storage tank project. The subcontractor should begin site work sometime in August. All work on the tank project contract should be completed and operational by early 2024.

Baker Secondary Water Source – Logan Moyers provided an update on the District's ongoing efforts to establish a secondary water source for the Baker water system. Following preliminary approval from the State Conservation Committee (SCC) at its quarterly meeting, the District was asked to amend its proposal to include a 24-hour constant rate monitoring of the water level in the Parker Hollow Impoundment during well testing to ensure that the wells source water aquifer is not connected to the Impoundment. This has been added to the proposal and the proposal has been resubmitted for final approval. Once final approval has been received, the well drilling contractor can move forward with the first phase of the project which is the drilling of the test wells. Funding has been secured for the first phase of the project, however the funding for the second phase of the project will need to be secured. The District had hoped to fund the project with funds provided by the Hardy County Commission (HCC) from their American Rescue Plan Act allocation, however these funds are no longer available. Logan will meet with the HCC later this week to discuss funding options for the project, which is projected to cost around \$2,000,000. The cost of the project will be significantly lower if testing determines the wells can provide better than 200 gallons per minute, because a raw water storage tank would no longer be needed.

Town of Wardensville Rate Increase – Logan Moyers informed the board that the WVPSC issued a final order late last week for the ongoing rate dispute between the District and the Town of Wardensville regarding the rate the District will pay for water purchased from the Town. The District believes the appropriate amount for the resale rate to be \$7.10 per thousand gallons, however the Town requested a resale rate of \$10.16 per thousand gallons. The WVPSC ruling sided with the District's position and set the rate at \$7.10 per thousand gallons. Moyers told board members the \$7.10 rate will go into effect once the Town's upcoming water project has been completed, but that wasn't anticipated to happen for over a year. He also said the Town cannot appeal the decision because the case was heard by the WVPSC Commission itself rather than assigned to an administrative law judge on staff. Moyers said the District prepared their upcoming budgets planning for the \$7.10 rate and that it would not necessitate the need for a rate increase to HCPSD customers.

Town of Moorefield Water Purchase Contract – There were no updates regarding the PSD’s water purchase contract with the Town.

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

There being no further business, Rose Helmick made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Justin Basye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held ***September 6, 2023, 4:30 p.m.*** at the office of the PSD located at 2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia.



Justin Basye, Vice-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 August 2, 2023. 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.