

HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
JANUARY 6, 2021
4:30 P.M.
2094 US 220 South, Moorefield, West Virginia

The meeting was held at the office of the District and via telephone conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participating via telephone conference was Rose Helmick and Justin Basye, HCPSD and Jean Flanagan, Moorefield Examiner. Present at the meeting was Logan Moyers, Robert Harper and Connie Sherman, HCPSD; Tre Kerns, Thrasher Group.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Robert Harper. Robert Harper made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Justin Basye seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Unfinished Business:

Baker WTP Upgrade Project – Logan Moyers gave an update on the progress of this project. Moyers reported that Contract #1 – Main Line Extensions & Upgrades is complete except for the electrical work associated with the generator connection at the booster pump station. Contract #2 - Baker WTP Upgrade project is substantially complete except for work that needs completed on the upgrade to the clearwell exhaust system and a pump that needs to be installed in the MIEX building. Tre Kerns, project engineer, will reach out to the contractors for an update on when the remaining work will be completed on both contracts. The MIEX organics removal system continues to shown significant improvement in the removal of organic material from the raw water.

Pay Requisition #11 was presented in the amount of \$132,190.23. The pay requisition was for work completed on Contract #1 to Breckenridge Corporation in the amount of \$45,730.23 and a payment to Ixom Watercare, Inc., the manufacturer of the MIEX system, in the amount of \$86,460.00. Robert Harper made a motion to approve the pay requisition as presented. Justin Basye seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

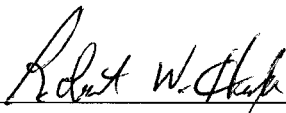
New PSD Facility Project – Logan Moyers reported that an issue has come up with the planned private bank financing for this project and as a result the timeline that was discussed at last month's meeting would have to be pushed back. Moyers said the District had intended to seek funding from a private bank to cover the portion of the project cost that will not be funded by FEMA or the District's contribution however, during the process to acquire parity consent from the District's existing bond holders, it was discovered that the bank intend to utilize USDA's Guarantee Loan Program which requires a significant amount of red tape from the applicant and in turn would result in a significant delay in the project's planned timeline. Moyers reported that following conversations with the District's USDA contact, bond counsel and A/E firm, all parties agreed it would be in the District's best interest to seek funding for this project from USDA rather than seeking it from a private bank. Funding this project through USDA rather than a private bank would mean significant savings for the District because USDA can offer grants funds along with a very attractive loan rate for a term of 40 years, all of which are better options than could be provided by a private bank. One hurdle that must be resolved in order to acquire USDA funding, is that the District must request and be granted an extension from FEMA on the project deadline that would allow the District the time needed to go through the application process and acquire USDA funding. Moyers said that FEMA, who previously indicated a deadline extension would not be possible, has changed their tune and will allow the District to request such an extension. Moyers said the District would seek to extend the FEMA deadline by an additional year, which is the amount of time the project was delayed while FEMA conducted their environmental assessment. He also said that based on his conversations with FEMA reps, he was optimistic the District's request to extend the deadline would be approved. Following discussion, Rose Helmick made a motion to request a time extension from FEMA and to pursue the remaining funding needed for this project from USDA. Robert Harper seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Office Closure due to COVID-19 Pandemic – There will be no changes regarding the operations of the District’s office surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic especially in the rise in the number of cases in our county. Logan Moyers reported that operation of the District’s office continues to be working well and will remain closed to the public, except by appointment. Moyers suggested the District continue operating in this manner and will revisit the topic on a month to month basis.

No members of the general public were present at the meeting or via conference call.

There being no further business, Robert Harper made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Justin Basye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held **February 3, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** Attendees will continue to have the option to attend the meeting in person in the District’s office or via conference call due to the ongoing pandemic.



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 January 6, 2021. 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.