

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POLK COUNTY WATER, SEWAGE, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LAW OFFICE OF VICKEY ATKINS.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Grady McCrickard, Chairman
Dr. Neeve Owen, Vice Chair
Chuck Thaxton
Mike Lester
Mary Miller
James Gladden

ALSO, PRESENT WERE:

Vickey Atkins, Attorney

AND:

Ryan Prince, General Manager
Ashley Guthrie, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:05pm.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mike Lester led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the agenda without executive session to be held. Seconded by Ms. Mary Miller, the motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. James Gladden to approve the Minutes from October, seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton, the motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Ryan Prince gave a positive review of the financial statements.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Lester to approve the financial statements, seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton, the motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Prince presented the previously tabled 2024 budget to the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the budget. Mr. Prince asked that the Board approve the 2024 budget with the revenue at \$5,872,000 and expenses at \$5,347,290.

Mr. Chuck Thaxton made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Mr. Mike Lester, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Prince explained that he sent out three bids for the excavator and only two companies responded. Mr. Prince presented the two bids for the excavator to the Board. One bid was Sany Excavator at \$58,195.00, second bid was Yancey Cat Excavator at \$82,250.00. After some discussion about the equipment, Mr. Prince recommended that the Board approve the bid for the Sany Excavator at \$58,195.00. This purchase will not take place until 2024 and was included in the budget line item for new equipment.

Mr. Chuck Thaxton made a motion to approve the purchase of the Sany Excavator, seconded by Mr. Mike Lester, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Prince asked that the Board approve \$15,000.00 in Christmas bonuses for twenty-two employees.

Ms. Mary Miller made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 for Employee Christmas bonuses, seconded by Dr. Neeve Owen, the motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Prince informed the Board of property on Cut Log Road that would require approximately 7,000 feet of 6-inch pipe for main line extension. There have been several people calling and inquiring about water availability on this property. Mr. Thaxton asked Mr. Prince if the people inquiring are looking at this property as an investment property or is it for residential use. Mr. Prince explained that a portion of the property is being looked at as investment property to be split up into tracts to sell, and a portion is being looked at as residential property to build on. Mr. Prince referred to the Policy book, explaining that with residential property, the customer would be allowed a 40% discount on a main line extension with a ¾ inch meter being provided at no cost to the customer, but for investment properties, the customer would not receive a discount. Mr. Thaxton asked Mr. Prince to request ductile iron pipe for new main line extensions because of the durability of that type of pipe. Mr. Prince and the Board agreed.

PERSONELL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FACILITIES COMMITTEE


None

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Prince thanked the Board for all of their work.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. James Gladded to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton. The motion was approved unanimously.

 _____ Grady McCrickard, Chairman

 _____ Ashley Guthrie, Secretary