Polk County Sewage and Solid Waste Authority

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024

The monthly Board of Directors meeting was held Monday, March 18, 2024. The Chairman called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman, Grady McCrickard; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Neeve Owen, Mary Miller, Jimmy Gladden, Chuck Thaxton (called in until such time he arrived); Mike Lester.

Also present was:

Ryan Prince, Manager

Vickey R. Atkins, Attorney for the Authority

Two representatives from R. L. Jennings

The invocation and pledge were given.

Mrs. Miller made a Motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Gladden seconded the Motion and all voted in favor of approving the Motion.

Mrs. Miller made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the February, 2024 meeting; Mr. Gladden seconded the Motion and all voted in favor of approving the Motion.

Mr. Prince presented the Financial Statements. The debt service ratio for EOM is 1.66; and YTD is 3.7. After a brief discussion Mr. Gladden made a Motion to approve the Financials; Mrs. Miller seconded the Motion and all voted in favor of approving the Motion.

Old Business: Mr. Prince stated there was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Mr. Prince indicated the Secretary to the Board of Directors has taken a leave of absence. Due to her absence the Board needed to elect a new Board Secretary. On a Motion made by Mrs. Miller and a second by Mr. Gladden the Board unanimously voted to elect Makenna Hamrick as the Board Secretary.

Manager’s Update:

1. Mr. Prince informed the Board he has been in discussion with Andrew Tritt regarding funding for the waterline improvements in Taylorsville. Mr. Tritt will be present at the April, 2024 Board meeting to discuss a bond to fund the project.
2. Mr. Prince also reported the water tank washouts will begin April 2, 2024.
3. EMA inspected Deaton Springs in March.
4. The SCI project negotiations continue. The Agreement is close to being completed. On a Motion by Mr. Gladden and a second by Mrs. Miller, and a unanimous vote by the Board, Mr. Prince was authorized to execute the final Agreement and Ms. Hamrick was authorized to attest his signature.

 On a Motion by Mr. Thaxton and a second by Mr. Lester and a unanimous vote by the Board, the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a matter which is covered by Attorney/Client Privilege. The two representatives from R. L. Jennings excused themselves from the Board meeting.

 On a Motion by Mr. Thaxton and a second by Mr. Gladden and a unanimous vote by the Board, the Board came out of Executive Session to return to the Monthly Meeting.

 On a Motion by Mr. Lester and a second by Mr. Gladden and a unanimous vote by the Board, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

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The Board’s attorney reported that she had a discussion with District Attorney Jack Browning regarding the pending suit against two former employees. Mr. Browning indicated there were over 200 cases docketed in front of the case against the former employees. He believes it will be into year 2025 before the case is heard. He indicated the two employees have hired separate attorneys. Both attorneys have requested discovery on the case. The District Attorney’s office has the discovery ready to be picked up. But neither attorney has picked up the requested discovery.

 Mr. Browning also indicated the Board needed to have a discussion as to their goal in prosecuting the case. Is it the Board’s objective to have the employees serve time, pay restitution or a combination of both. A brief discussion ensued. The Board did not reach a decision. But they indicated further discussions would be held.

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