

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on Monday April 29, 2019 at 5:00p.m. The following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Patty Jiles, Loy Howard and Tommie McKeever.

Chairman Gosdin called the meeting to order. Michael McClain gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: N/A

Approve Agenda: On motion and second (Howard, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to approve the agenda.

Approve Minutes: On motion and second (Jiles, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for March 2019.

New Business:

Leak Detection Equipment: Superintendent Michael McClain presented a proposal for the purchase of leak detection equipment. The distribution department is currently using a borrowed leak detector from Carroll County Water Authority. The detector is quite old and sensitive to outside interference. The crew can only use it on paved surfaces. The proposed new detector is less susceptible to outside interference and can be used on different surfaces (paved, dirt, grass, etc.).

The Board asked Mr. McClain to get references from companies that have purchased this specific equipment and get feedback on how well it works for them. Mr. McClain will bring the proposal back to the next Board Meeting.

Schedule Budget Hearing: Director Laurie Cook discussed scheduling the Budget Hearing with the Board. She will advertise in the newspapers approximately 4 weeks prior to the meeting. The hearing will be held June 24, 2019.

CDBG Project: Director Laurie Cook informed the Board of a phone call she received from County Commissioner Larry Hooks concerning North River and South River Circle. This is a neighborhood that was built by a private developer. The roads are in bad condition and the residents are using community wells for water supply. Two of the four wells are no longer functioning. Commissioner Hooks wants the County to work in conjunction with Heard County Water Authority on a possible block grant to improve the roads and establish county water there. Both the Commissioner's Office and the Water Authority will look into grants available for such a project.

Old Business:

South River Road Update for CDBG: Director Laurie Cook advised there will be a full road closure in the construction zone on May 6, 2019. As of now, the contractors are working with one lane open. Director Cook also advised there were some unexpected engineering costs of \$12,000.00 with the CDBG Sewer

project because of rock and utilities in the area. She has spoken with Chad Sipe from Carter & Sloope about the reasons for the extra cost.

Approve Payment to Carter & Sloope: On motion and second (Howard, Jiles) a unanimous vote was made to pay the additional engineering fees of \$12,000.00 to Carter & Sloope.

Reports:

1.) Administration: Michelle Robinson, CPA, presented the financial statement for March 2019.

*\$500,000.00 and \$250,000.00 CDs opened with Regions

*Total Revenue: \$194,172.90

*Expenses: \$183,713.16

*Income: \$10,459.74

2.) Distribution: Michael McClain presented for Distribution:

Services: 1

Leaks: 23

Main Breaks: 1

Main Leaks: 1

Locates: 56

Work Orders: 137

Turn Offs: 53

Data Log: 17

DOT Permits: 0

3.) WTP- In Bryant Snyder's absence, Director Cook reported normal operations and no violations for March 2019. Water loss percentage is down for the month.

4.) WWTP- In Darrell Brice's absence, Director Cook reported normal operations and no violations for March 2019. Operation improvements have been noticed since sewer line updates in the city have been done.

Executive Session: On motion and second (Jiles, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, personnel and real estate.

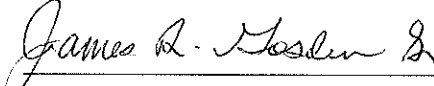
Return to Open Session: On motion and second (Jiles, Howard) a unanimous vote was made to return to open session. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Motion to Amend Agenda: On motion and second (Jiles, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to amend the Agenda to add to New Business and discuss the large Generator that was purchased by Chairman Boone for the Water Authority.

New Business:

IV. Large Generator – The Water Authority’s SPLOST IV account was charged \$22,025.00 by Heard County in August 2016 for the purchase of a used 250kw mobile generator for the Water Treatment Plant. The Water Authority did not purchase the generator, and is unable to use it. After discussion the Board instructed Director Cook to ask Chairman Boone to allow the Authority to sell the generator or that the \$22,025.00 is either given to the Authority or a correction is made to the SPLOST IV record. Board Member Jiles agreed to work with Director Cook on the matter.

Adjourn: On motion and second (Howard, Jiles) a unanimous vote was made to adjourn at 7:00 pm.



James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Chairman

5-20-19

Date

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF
HEARD COUNTY, GEORGIA
April 29, 2019**

An Executive Session of the Heard County Water Authority was held April 29, 2019 in which the following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Patty Jiles, Tommie McKeever, and Loy Howard.

Also present was: Jerry Ann Conner and Laurie Cook

The following matters were discussed in executive session:

- Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).
- Authorize the settlement of any matter which may be properly discussed in executive session in accordance with Paragraph (1) of Code Section 50-14-2 (attorney/client privilege) (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A))
- Authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)).
- Authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C))
- Enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D))
- Enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent vote (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)).
- Discussions or deliberations upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)).

Upon motion of Jiles, seconded by Howard and unanimously passed, the Heard County Water Authority closed the Executive Session and returned to an open meeting.

AFFIDAVIT

Personally before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, appeared James Ray Gosdin, Chairman of the Heard County Water Authority, who, having been duly sworn, states that the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting of April 29, 2019, was devoted to matters within the exceptions to the Open and Public Meetings law.

James R. Gosdin
Chair, Heard County Water Authority

Signed, sealed and delivered on the
20th day of May, 2019,
in the presence of:

Shelly Sockwell
Notary Public

