

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on Monday February 27, 2017 at 5:00p.m. The following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Carrie Rutledge, Loy Howard and Tommie McKeever.

Mr. Gosdin called the meeting to order and Bryant Snyder gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests – Kathy Knowles with Heard County Development Authority and Lawrence Lipford

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

Approve/Modify Minutes: On motion and second (McKeever, Rutledge) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for January 30, 2017.

New Business:

Director Laurie Cook discussed the condition of 2008 Chevrolet Colorado owned by the Heard County Water Authority. It currently requires quite a bit of costly maintenance and she would like permission to sell “as is” and use proceeds toward purchasing another truck.

Sell 2008 Chevrolet Colorado on GovDeals: On motion and second (Howard, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to approve selling the vehicle.

Director Laurie Cook discussed the water purchase contract signed in 2003 by Heard County Water Authority with the City of Lagrange. After discussion among the Board Members, Attorney for HCWA Jerry Ann Connor was asked to look into options available to the HCWA on this matter.

Old Business:

City of Ephesus Meter on Barr Farm Road- Laurie Cook discussed the issue with the Barr Farm Road meter and locking it off or capping it off. She proposes to close it off and lock it to prevent any seepage back into our water system.

Close off and Lock Barr Farm Road Meter: On motion and second (McKeever, Rutledge) a unanimous vote was made to close off and lock meter on Barr Farm Road.

Potential Projects and Funding- Laurie Cook said she has spoken with Engineers on getting GEFA grant of \$300,000. She was told it looks like it will probably be approved but the GEFA Board is delaying the hearings and will not be meeting to review proposed projects until August 2017.

Regarding the Franklin CDBG project, HCWA staff has been going door-to-door and working on getting surveys done along with letters from citizens in the city limits. The grant writer will receive those by Wednesday March, 1, 2017.

Reports:

1.) Administration- Michelle reviewed the financial statement.

Shelly Sockwell discussed the cause of the billing shortage for the month of January. Because the billing cycle was so long in December 2016 due to loss of meter readings, the cycle for December was 42 days. January 2017 was read on time and the cycle was 22 days. Therefore, billing was significantly less for January 2017 compared to December 2016.

Director Laurie Cook explained the Fantastic Fitness item on the Financial Report is being paid by the employees out of their paychecks.

2.) Distribution- Edward Ponder presented for the month of January:

Services: 3
Leaks: 13
Locates: 47
Work Orders: 58
Turn Offs: 47
DOT Permits: 0

Safety Meeting was held for Distribution Department.

3.) WTP- Bryant Snyder reported normal operations and no violations for January. The WTP won the Gold Award again. Heard County will be dropped from a Level II drought to a Level I, though official announcement has not been made yet. Safety Meeting was held for his department.

4.) WWTP- Darrell Brice reported normal operations and no violations for January. Safety meeting was held to discuss OSHA regulations. Darrell discussed the problems the WWTP has with the sewer system, especially during periods of heavy rain. Laurie Cook and Darrell Brice will be attending the Franklin City Council meeting Thursday evening to present the Watershed Protection.

Executive Session- On motion and second (McKeever, Howard) a unanimous vote was made to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

On motion and second (Howard, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to return to open session, and no action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion and second (Howard, Rutledge) a unanimous vote was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.

James R. Gosdin Sr.
James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Chairman

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Date