

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2021**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on November 29th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Loy Howard, Alvin Ginn, Tommie McKeever and Shane Cammon.

Chairman Gosdin called the meeting to order. Joe Jones gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: David Walls, Commissioner, Chad Sipe with Carter & Sloope, and Lawrence Lipford.

Approve Agenda: On motion and second (Ginn, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to amend the agenda under New Business. Document Imaging was added.

Approve Minutes: On motion and second (Cammon, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for October 2021.

Public Comments: Lawrence Lipford read a letter he had composed to send to the Senator Ossoff about how the Infrastructure Bill needed to be used to support the water and sewer industry. He stressed the importance of the need for clean water and sanitary sewer disposal. The Board agreed with the letter and encouraged him to send it to the Senator and to also send a copy of the Letter to all the County Commissioners.

New Business:

GMA Retirement Plan Update- Director Cook: Director Cook explained that our current Retirement Plan stated that an employee of HCWA only had to work 20 hours per week to be eligible for the Retirement Benefits. She suggested that the criteria be changed from 20 hours a week to 30 hours a week. She stated that it would be better if the employee was dedicated to full time service to the Authority before offering these benefits. On motion and second (Howard, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made to change the plan to be available to employees who work at least 30 hours per week.

Document Imaging- Beth Cantrell: Beth Cantrell presented a contract offered by PubliQ that would give the office staff the capability to scan documents and attach them to a customer's account. She explained how this would benefit the customer and office staff and make things more efficient and accurate. On motion and second (Howard, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to go forward with the contract contingent on finding out about PulbiQ's cyber security insurance and having counsel review it.

Old Business:

State Fiscal Recovery Fund Application: Chad Sipe with Carter and Sloope gave an update on the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. He stated that the awards will be announced after January the 1st, not giving a specific date. He also stated the \$875 million would be awarded to three different categories. Broad Band, Water & Sewer and Economic Distress. Out of the \$875 million, only \$250 million will be awarded to the Water and Sewer category. There has been \$14.6 Billion made in grant requests. Carter and Sloope alone submitted 53 applications for water and sewer only, which totaled \$236 million. Chad felt that HCWA had a competitive application. As far as the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill, Chad stated that Georgia would get between \$10 to \$14 billion but only \$913 million would be used for water projects. He said the money would probably filter through GEFA in 2022 or 2023 and at that time pre-applications could be submitted.

Portable Generators for Booster Stations-Director Cook: Laurie Cook gave an update on the County helping HCWA with the Portable Generators for the Booster Stations. The Board had requested that Director Cook ask the County to pay for that and that it not be taken out of our SPLOST money. Director Cook made that clear to Mr. Boone in a meeting prior to the Commissioner’s meeting. The night of the Commissioner’s meeting the County Commissioners unanimously voted that the Generators and Installations be paid for with the SPLOST funds already allotted for HCWA.

Reports:

1.) Administration: Beth Cantrell, Lead Operations Specialist, presented the financial statement for October, 2021.

- *Income: \$267,525.79
- *Expenses: \$234,657.18
- *Net Income: \$32,868.61
- *Net Income with Depreciation and other Expenses: \$<20,412.16>

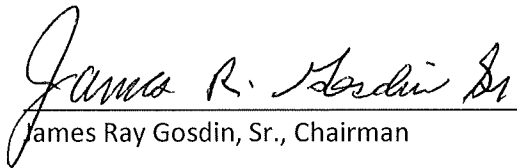
2.) Distribution: Joe Jones, Distribution Superintendent, presented for Distribution for October 2021

- Services: 2
- Leaks: 29
- Main Breaks: 1
- Valve Maint: 0
- Meter Pump Testing: 2
- Locates: 101
- Work Orders: 93
- Turn Offs: 27
- Data Log: 0
- Meter Chg. Outs: 9
- DOT Permits: 0

3.) **WTP:** Bryant Snyder, WTP Manager, presented for the Water Treatment Plant for October 2021. No violations for the month. Generator is fully functional and training has been completed. New plant filters will hopefully be operational in December 2021. Overall construction is still on schedule for the May 2022 completion date.

WWTP: Darrell Brice, WWTP Manager presented for Wastewater Treatment Plant for October 2021. No violations for the month of October 2021. Safety Meeting was on Keeping Chemical Delivery Safe on 11/15/2021.

Adjourn: On motion and second (Howard, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made at 6:22pm to adjourn the meeting.


James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Chairman

12-20-21
Date