

Jasper County Water & Sewer Authority – Minutes

March 11, 2014 – Regular Meeting - Bank of Monticello Annex

1. Call to Order: Madame Chair Mary Alice Carter called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. The following members attended the meeting: Jimmy Harrison, Ken McMichael, Elvis Singleton, Bill Whitten and Mark Walton.
2. Recognition of Visitors: None.
3. Agenda Approval: Board members read the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Singleton to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Walton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 14, 2014 monthly meeting were read by the board. A motion was made by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Singleton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Walton presented the financial statements. Mr. Walton reminded the board that we are currently running one month behind on payments to the USDA and that a letter from the USDA was attached to the meeting package. Mr. Singleton made a motion that the content of the report be approved as presented. Mr. Whitten seconded the motion. Being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.
6. System Operator's Report: Mr. Walton reported that Mr. Bradford rode the system. Mr. Bradford had taken the required samples, had them tested and the results were sent to the State. Additionally Mr. Bradford has submitted a request to be paid for 360 miles, which Mr. Walton will let Ms. Armistead's office know. Mr. Walton reported that Marcie Seleb, said hello to the JCWSA and provided Mr. Walton with a few local contractor's names for bidding small repair work.
7. Engineer's Report: None. Mr. Sherrill had reported to Mr. Walton that the meter replacement & repair is a slow and tedious process.
8. Meetings Attended: Chair Carter, Mr. Singleton, Mr. Walton and Frank Sherrill met with Veronica Peterson & Jack Stanek, both with the USDA on February 20th at their request. They reminded the members that we are currently one month behind on the USDA note and were interested in how we plan to catch up. The various members explained that we believe we are about to reach an agreement with the BOC about past due amounts and hopefully we would catch up then. Additionally we discussed an increase in our rates to try to stay on track. We discussed trying to attract new customers, but all were aware of the weak housing market. Mr. McMichael said that he ran into Commissioner Trammell and he said to hang on. Mr. McMichael also met with Hamilton State Bank; they will refund the \$60 dormancy fee. Chair Carter, Mr. Singleton and Mr. Currie need to stop by Hamilton to become signers on the account. Mr. Walton reported that he attended two Jasper Forward meetings; the meetings were informative and the crowd was very optimistic about the future of Jasper County & the City of Monticello.
9. Unfinished Business: Mr. Walton presented a preliminary income statement prepared by Mr. Sherrill to look at our recent expenses. The goal was to see if there is any expenses that can be reduced before we examine rate increases. It was determined the AT&T data lines and Central Georgia EMC accounts that are used by the Auto dialers could be terminated. Mr. Walton made a motion that the data lines and power accounts be closed. Mr. Singleton seconded, being no further discussion, a vote was called and passed unanimously.
10. New Business: Mr. Walton informed the board that a resident on Rocky Creek Road has requested service. Approximately one mile of water main would need to be installed, at a cost of roughly \$200,000.00. The anticipated possible revenues would not support a loan of that amount; the board decided that it was not economically feasible to provide service and requested that Mr. Walton reply to the resident.
11. Adjourn: At 7:00 PM the meeting was declared adjourned by Mr. Singleton, with Chair Carter seconding. The next meeting of the Authority will be Tuesday April 08, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Approved 4/8/14
(date)


Mark Walton, Secretary