

Bolivar Utility Board
January 5, 2022
12:00 p.m. Noon

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on January 5, 2022 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Paul Fuller
Linc Polk

Others Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Julian McTizic, Mayor
Jim Nuckolls, Asst. Director
Wes Clayton, Attorney
Carri Beth Rhea, City Clerk & Recorder

Absent:

Randy Hill
Larry Crawford, Council

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the December 1, 2021 minutes. Linc Polk made a motion, second by Paul Fuller to approve minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

a. Consoles

Mr. Cliff Henson informed the board that during the December meeting that two of the water plant's filter consoles had gone out. The water plant has had a contract with Southern Flow for the past 14-15 years however their service to the plant has really gone down over the past several years and they have become difficult to work with. Mr. Cliff reached out to ISI out of Arkansas, who he does business with over at the Toone plant. ISI came out to review the consoles and see if they could repair them. They came back and gave a quote of \$60,593.33 to fix and all four consoles at the water plant and change them over to the ISI system. This quote includes all labor and materials. Mr. Cliff went on to explain to the board that he did not bid this project out because there are very few truly skilled companies that does this type of work. He added that he is confident in this company because of past work they have done and they have been in business over 50 years. Chairman Wilhite spoke up and said he believes we should go with this company as well. Linc made a motion, seconded by Paul to proceed with ISI replacing the console filters at the water plant. All voted "Aye".

b. Gas Line Project in Middleton

Mr. Cliff updated the board on the gas line replacement in Middleton. R. Jones has completed replacing the main lines and will be back in February to tie in services.

New Business:

a. January Gas Prices are at \$0.75

Mr. Cliff Henson notified the board that the gas prices have come down some for January, much better than what they were expected to be. Cliff stated the gas department is in good position because of the pre-buying they did earlier in 2020 on natural gas. They are able to have a variable rate cost because of this pre-buying. Chairman Wilhite recommended to the board to pass on the savings from the variable rate to customers and keep the cost at \$0.65.

Chairman Wilhite made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to keep the cost at \$0.65 and pass the variable rate cost savings to customers. All voted "Aye".

- b. There was a brief discussion on new projects Mr. Cliff would like to do with the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money from the federal government. The projects under review were put on hold until there are more final guidelines on how the money can be used from TDEC and the Comptroller's office.

Updates:

- a. Mayor McTizic updated the board on the contract they voted on with Retail Strategies and that things are going great and progressing quickly.

There being no further business, Mr. Linc Polk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Fuller to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Chairmen

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member