

Bolivar Utility Board
March 3, 2021

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on the above date with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Larry Crawford
Dylan Hill
Paul Fuller
Linc Polk

Others Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Julian McTizic, Mayor
Shelia Dellinger, Administrator
Cass Choate
Bethany Miller

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the February 3, 2021, minutes. Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve and dispense with the February minutes, seconded by Mr. Fuller. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

a. Update on Motor Repairs for #4 Well at Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Henson, Director, informed the board Wilson Well was in process of installing Well #4 at the Water Treatment Plant. The motor was rebuilt by Electric Motor Rebuilders. The cost of this repair will be between \$3,000 - \$4,000.

b. Update on New Industry

Mayor McTizic stated all document have been signed and waiting on the State for the announcement. Mayor asked if the Bolivar Utility Board would approve \$10,000 to be donated to this company as general-purpose funds to be used at the discretion of the company. It was explained the gas funds could donate funds through economic development. Last month the board approved paying one-third of \$20,000.00 and BEA and the Industrial Development Board of Bolivar were to pay one-third. BEA was approved to donate \$3,000, therefore, Bolivar Industrial Board will be donating \$7,000. After a short discussion, Mr. Crawford made a motion to increase the donation to \$10,000. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion with all voting "Aye."

Mr. Henson stated last month the board approved to invest up to \$55,000 to have Barden Construction Group to install a sewer pump, drain basin, and sewer lines at the old Garment Factory on Clifft Street for the potential new business. Mr. Henson stated they were in the process of having a Contract Agreement prepared before the work begins.

New Business:

a. Water issues due to inclement weather

Mr. Henson stated during the extreme cold weather during the week of February 15, 2021, Bolivar Utility Department had 6 – 8 main lines to break. The department worked around the clock to get these lines repaired.

Mr. Henson reported there was a 12" main line that broke on Highway 18 South passed Bolivar Energy Authority which caused approximately 20 homes to be without water due to the reduced pressure. Mr. Henson called R. Jones Underground Construction Company due to the emergency of having to bore under the creek, which will call for the department having to apply for a State permit within 10 days. This repair will be very costly, approximately \$50,000 and should be completed within 2 weeks, the water lines have been repaired temporally and all customers have water. There is also an 8" sewer force main that is about to give away at this same location. Mr. Henson stated this could possible be replaced by doing a directional bore, which will be advertised for bids at the same time the work at the Hardeman County Airport will be done.

b. Gas prices for March

Gas prices remain at .65 cents

There being no further business, Mr. Crawford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Polk. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

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