

Bolivar Utility Board

February 7, 2024

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on February 7, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Suzanne Rhea, Councilmember

Paul Fuller

Randy Hill

Linc Polk

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director

Kevin Snider, Attorney

Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Joey Geter, Auditor for Cowart, Reese, Sargent

Pat Plunk, Town of Hornsby

Absent: Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman, Mayor McTizic

Jim Nuckolls introduced the new Utility Board attorney, Kevin Snider, to all that were present. He then called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the January 3, 2024 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the January 3, 2024 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

**Community Comments:** NONE

**Old Business:**

- a. Jim updated the board that he is still talking with Pat Plunk regarding Hornsby water situation. Ms. Plunk was present and discussed with the board the water rate study that was conducted and gave the board a copy of the study. She also discussed the feasibility test the state has ordered Hornsby to conduct. Jim let Ms. Plunk know that the board was still looking over their water issues and would be sure to get a copy of the study to Chairman Wilhite.

**New Business:**

**a. Joey Geter with Cowart Reese and Sargent CPA's**

Joey came before the board and presented them with a summary of the 2022-2023 audit. Joey let the board know that the city as well as the utility department were in good financial standings. The 2022-2023 fiscal year received an unqualified audit report which is the best you can receive.

**b. Approval to purchase a new Electro Fusion machine for gas fittings**

Jim asked the board for approval to purchase a new Electro Fusion machine for gas fittings. He explained to the board that Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company was a sole source for this machine. The price for the machine will be \$4,250.00. This purchase will come from the gas fund. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Linc Polk to approve the purchase of a new Electro Fusion machine. All present voted "Aye".

**c. Approval to update the Neptune computer system for gas and water meters**

Jim asked the board for approval to purchase the software needed to update the utility department's Neptune computer system that is used to for gas and water meters. He explained that this software also has a sole source provider, Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company. The cost

for the software is \$12,811.92, implementation fee is \$2,500.00, and the annual maintenance fee is \$2,180.00 for a total of \$17,491.92. Jim explained that this purchase is something they have to have for the meters. This purchase will come from the water and gas funds. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve the purchase of new software for the Neptune computer system. All present voted "Aye".

**d. Approval to purchase a new Mini-X Track Hoe, Back Hoe, and Vac-Tron Trailer**

Jim brought before the board the purchase of a new mini-X track hoe and a new back hoe. He explained to the board that these purchases would be in next fiscal year's budget but he would like to start getting pricing on them. Their current back hoe is over 25 years old and needs to be replaced. Jim noted that the mini-X track hoe will probably cost around \$50,000.00 and the back hoe around \$100,000.00. The Vac-Tron trailer is used for trenchless excavating. Jim noted that he will try to have some pricing to bring to the board at next month's meeting. These purchases will be from the gas and water funds and will be on a Sourcewell contract. Paul Fuller made a motion, seconded by Randy Hill to approve getting pricing and further search for all three machines. All present voted "Aye".

**e. Gas Prices for March- \$0.65**

**Updates:**

- a. Jim is still in discussion on with Chris Koczaja with Lightwave Solar and working on a date for a site visit.**

There being no further business, Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Linc Polk to adjourn the meeting. All present voted "Aye".

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