

Bolivar Utility Board
February 2, 2022
12:00 p.m. Noon

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on February 2, 2022 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Randy Hill

Others Present:

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

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the January 5, 2022 minutes. Larry Crawford made a motion, second by Paul Fuller to approve minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Chairman Wilhite invited one of the city's auditors, Joey Geter, to speak and present the City of Bolivar's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit. Mr. Geter reviewed the highlights of the audit with the board. The City of Bolivar's Utility Department is in a good position with their year end Income Statement.

Old Business:

a. Consoles

Mr. Cliff Henson informed the board that the parts to repair the consoles at the water plant are delayed until June 2022. The cost will remain the same as the company quoted.

b. Projects with ARPA/TDEC Funds

Mr. Cliff told the Board the city utility department received around \$1.7 million from ARPA/TDEC. TDEC will not allow any applications to be filed for projects until scorecards are completed. Cliff let the board know that he did have ours completed and submitted. They are now waiting on word when they can start submitting applications for projects. As soon as entities can start applying, the utility department will start submitting projects.

c. Replacing Pipes at the Airport

Mr. Cliff told the board that Travis Jones with R. Jones Construction to help with the pipes at the airport. There have been problems with this pipe for years and it needs to be replaced. The utility department has this 12 inch pipe on their yard, and Travis will help bond the new pipe and replace the old.

New Business:

a. CDBG Grant Received

Mr. Cliff Henson told the board that it was announced the utility department will be receiving the CDBG Grant for \$361,000.00. The plan to use this money is to replace the lift

stations on Ruby Lane and Martindale. These two lift stations are currently still underground and around 50 years old. The new lift stations will be above ground. This will only leave 1 underground station left for the utility department. These projects will have to be bid out.

b. Gas Prices for February- \$0.98

The gas prices have gone up to \$0.98, which is a pretty large increase. The board discussed that the city is still in good shape with the amount of pre-buying that was done and could offer the customers another discount this month. The board voted on changing the cost to \$0.88 to the customers for February. Larry Crawford made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve give customers a cost break of \$0.88 for February. All voted "Aye".

c. Joey Deming Sawmill

Mr. Deming is going to be putting in a sawmill and would like to put in 2 gas generators instead of electric. The meters, valve, and pipe will cost around \$10,000.00. The utility department talked with Mr. Deming about doing a contract to where the contract states that he will buy the natural gas from Bolivar Utility until the cost of the installation is paid for. The installation will be at no cost to Mr. Deming by having this contract and the contract is fulfilled. Mr. Cliff told the board it will be probably around a year before the costs are recuperated by the utility department. Chairman Wilhite made a motion, seconded by Larry Crawford to approve setting up a payback contract with Mr. Deming's sawmill. All voted "Aye".

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

Chairmen

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member