

Bolivar Utility Board
July 14, 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
Randy Hill
Paul Fuller
Linc Polk

Others Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Julian McTizic, Mayor
Carri Beth Rhea, City Clerk & Recorder
Bobby Hensley, Chief Operator City Water Depart.
Robert Stigall, Engineer
Representative from R. Jones Underground, Inc.

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the June 2, 2021, minutes. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mr. Fuller. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

a. Open bids for gas line relocation on Old Hwy 64

Mr. Henson turned the meeting over to Mr. Stigall to open bids for this project. There were two bids submitted for this project. First bid opened, R. Jones Underground, Inc. coming in at \$75,306.00 and the second bid opened was from T.J. Construction, Inc. coming in at \$82,850.00. After reviewing both bids in detail, Mr. Stigall recommended we go with the lowest bid. Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the bid from R. Jones Underground and present to City Council, second by Mr. Polk. All voted "Aye".

b. Cost estimate for Hwy 57-line placement

Mr. Henson explained the estimates of the line replacement that Mr. Stigall prepared. The estimate includes construction, design, construction administration, permitting and construction observation if the board desires all of these. Mr. Henson explained this particular line was put in back in 1972 and the issues that the city has had with this line. Mr. Henson highly recommended that this line be replaced this year. Chairman Wilhite decided to take this project to bid and Mr. Stigall will prepare the bid details. Mr. Fuller made a motion to take this project to bid, second by Mr. Hill. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

a. Discuss #3 well at water plant

Mr. Henson asked that Mr. Bobby Hensley, Chief Operator for the city water department, come up and explain the issues, problems, and history they have had with this particular well. Mr. Hensley explained the #3 well threw a breaker and after inspection they found the problem. He further explained the city had the same problem in 2018 and 2015. Mr. Hensley explained that they had been working with Wilson Well and were not getting the support they needed to ensure the problem with the well be corrected. Mr. Henson and Mr. Hensley reached out to another well company, NWS, to get a second opinion. Chairman Wilhite made a recommendation to go with NWS on pulling well #3 to help fix the issues.

b. Discuss Hwy 138 and supplying the Royal Oaks Charcoal Plant with natural gas

Mr. Henson noted that he had met with Royal Oaks plant manager a while back to see what their needs would be to operate their plant efficiently. The current natural gas pipe will only be able to provide about half of what the plant needed. Mr. Henson noted he had a call in to talk

with the plant manager again and requested to see numbers for what a plant that size would spend monthly on natural gas. Mr. Crawford noted that the city needs to do something to make a step forward to working with Royal Oaks. Mr. Henson stated he would meet with the plant manager again for more information and get cost estimate information then they can bring back to a future meeting.

c. Gas prices for July

Gas prices are at .70 cents

Updates:

a. Surplus equipment

Mr. Henson noted there were a couple pieces of older equipment they would like to get rid of soon. First, is an older truck that isn't worth much and they would like to transfer to streets department. Second, is a Ditch Witch/trencher/plow in one that they would like to sell and set the reserve to about \$10,000-\$12,000. Mr. Hill made a motion to move the two pieces to surplus, second by Mr. Crawford. All voted "Aye".

b. Theft and installing security cameras

Mr. Henson brought before the board that the gas department had fell victim again to theft. This one took place 4th of July weekend and around \$2,500 worth of equipment was stolen. After discussion of many security camera options, Mr. Henson is going to look into a few that were recommended by the board.

c. Sampler at waste water lagoon

The sampler at the waste water lagoon has gone out, and it will be very expensive to repair and it is recommended that they purchase a new one. The project will have to be bid out because of the estimate of \$12,000. Mr. Henson will bring in quotes at the next meeting in August.

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

Attest:

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member