

Bolivar Utility Board

October 7, 2020

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
Linc Polk

Also Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Julian McTizic, Mayor
Wes Clayton, Attorney
Shelia Dellinger, Administrator

Absent: Paul Fuller

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order. At this time, he asked for a motion to approve and dispense with the minutes of September 2, 2020. Mr. Crawford made a motion, second by Mr. Hill to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

a. Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce-Christine Korling-Torres

Chairman Wilhite welcomed Ms. Christine Torres, Chamber Director and Ms. Tina Garrison, Chairman of the Hardeman County Chamber. These ladies were present to update the board on different projects the Chamber is working on. The Chamber Board has been meeting with a new company that is interested in buying the property on Hwy. 125, Lake Vonda, to develop into a State-of-the-Art Studio. The Chamber is also asking for businesses and community sponsors for a \$10,000 full page ad in the Tennessee Visitors Guide. The board thanked the Chamber representatives for the information and stated they would discuss this proposal and get back with them.

b. Open bids on Regulators, meters, gas tubing and risers

Bolivar Utility Department advertised bids for 10,000 ft. of Gas Tubing, 150 Gas Riser, 60 Gas Meters, and 60 Gas Regulators. The following bids were opened:

Consolidated Pipe and Supply.....Collierville, TN.....gas meters.....\$ 6,660.00
Sullivan's Natural Gas Service.....Covington, TN.....gas meters.....\$ 6,840.00

Consolidated Pipe and Supply....Collierville, TN.....gas regulators.....\$ 2,460.00
Sullivan's Natural Gas Service.....Covington, TN.....gas regulators.....\$ 2,574.00

Consolidated Pipe and Supply.....Collierville, TN.....gas tubing.....\$ 3,329.00
G & C Supply Co., Inc.....Atwood, TN.....gas tubing.....\$ 3,200.00

Consolidated Pipe and Supply.....Collierville, TN.....risers.....\$ 3,073.50

G & C Supply Co., Inc.....Atwood, TN.....risers.....\$ 3,225.00

After a short discussion, Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crawford to accept the low bids as follows, upon council approval.

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Consolidated Pipe.....Gas Regulators...\$ 2,460.00
G & C Supply Co.....Gas tubing..... \$ 3,200.00
Consolidated Pipe.....Gas risers.....\$ 3,073.50

Mr. Cliff Henson, Director, gave updates on the following projects:

- a. Aerators:
The aerators at the lagoon are still being repaired
- b. Updates on CBBG Project:
This project is almost completed, the contractors are doing a great job and should be completed by the end of December.
- c. Cross Connection Program:
Mr. Henson reported the Cross-Connection Program is now in compliance with the State of Tennessee. Mr. Ali Kahn, Inspector, has approved the plan that has been implemented.

New Business:

Hatchie Hardwood, LLC

Mr. Mark Roach owner, and Mr. Arbury Hodge with Hatchie Hardwood LLC in Pocahontas contacted Cliff Henson inquiring about natural gas being ran to their property. They are planning to install 4 drying keels at this location.

Mr. Henson contacted Bolivar Utility engineer Robert Stegall, to see if we had enough gas to supply the 4 keels. After putting all the numbers together Mr. Stegall informed Mr. Henson that the 2-inch gas main would not be enough to supply the residents of Pocahontas and the Keels if we had an extended period of time of very cold weather. Mr. Stegall informed Mr. Henson if Hatchie Hardwood, LLC would install a backup fuel system so we could interrupt their supply if the worst-case scenario happened to occur.

Mr. Henson also informed the Board that Bolivar Utility would require Hatchie Hardwood, LLC to sign a contract, stating that if they were to discontinue the normal operation of the Keels, which would not meet the upfront estimate of natural gas sales, Hatchie Hardwood, LLC would be responsible for the payback of the remaining balance of the installation cost of the natural

gas line. This would be calculated by accumulated profit over index pricing of the sales of natural gas to Hatchie Hardwood, LLC.

Mr. Henson informed the board that the estimated sales to Hatchie Hardwood, LLC would be around \$8,000 to \$9, 000 per month, and these sales would be for entire year.

Mr. Henson informed the board this would not only be a very good addition to our gas system, but will also give us a very substantial increase to our summer load which we really need.

The Board concurred to move forward with the gas extension, if Hatchie Hardwood would meet all of the above requirements.

Report on Tennessee Public Utility Commission Audit

Mr. Henson reported the Bolivar Gas System was audited by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission last month. There were no violations reported.

Gas Prices

Gas prices for the month of October will be .65 cents.

There being no further business, Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Polk to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member