

Bolivar Utility Board

January 3, 2024

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on January 3, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Mayor McTizic
Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Paul Fuller
Link Polk

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director
Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder
Pat Plunk

Absent:

Randy Hill
Suzanne Rhea, Councilmember

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the December 6, 2023 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Paul Fuller made a motion, seconded by Linc Polk to approve the December 6, 2023 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

Community Comments: NONE

Old Business:

- a. **The water plant inspection is complete and scored a 98.**
- b. **Update on the solar energy panels**

Robert Stigall has been researching the solar energy proposals that were sent in to Jim Nuckolls and Chairman Wilhite. He found that if the solar panels can meet the demands of the water plant, then the city is looking at about a 7 year payback. Jim will ask Lightwave Solar Company to come to a meeting in the next couple of months for a presentation of their proposal to the board.

New Business:

- a. **Pat Plunk from Hornsby has reached out to Jim regarding buying water from Bolivar**
Ms. Pat Plunk from the Town of Hornsby has reached out to Jim about Hornsby buying their water from Bolivar. Ms. Plunk was in attendance and Chairman Wilhite asked if she would like to speak to the board regarding this matter. Ms. Pat explained to the board the trouble they are having with Selmer Utility which is where the town currently buys their water from. She stated the water situation in Hornsby is a mess and that Hornsby is under the "microscope" from several state offices. A feasible study is now being required of Hornsby

and they are having a hard time trying to figure out what was required for the study. After much more discussion, Chairmen Wilhite asked that Ms. Plunk to send in the orders from the state so the utility board can take a look to see if they will be able to help her with the study. He noted the board will take a look at it and talk with their engineer to see if he can help Hornsby.

b. Gas Prices for January- \$0.65

Updates:

a. Utility Board Attorney Discussion

Jim informed the board that he city attorney, Kevin Snider, agreed to be the attorney for the Utility Board. He asked the board for approval, Linc Polk made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to retain Kevin Snider as the attorney for the Utility Board. All present voted "Aye".

b. The lift stations on Ruby Lane and Martindale are installed and running.

c. Discussion on gas lines on New Hope and Smalley Road

Jim informed the board that there are now 12 residents out of 16 that have paid to have the gas line ran on New Hope and Smalley Road. In order to run the gas lines, all residents must pay.

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

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

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