

Bolivar Utility Board  
November 1  
12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on November 1, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Mayor McTizic  
Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman  
Paul Fuller  
Suzanne Rhea, Council Member

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director  
Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder  
Wes Clayton, Attorney

Absent:

Randy Hill  
Link Polk

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the October 4, 2023 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Suzanne Rhea made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

**Old Business:**

- Director Jim Nuckolls informed the board that the research on the Ameresco solar proposal was still being conducted.
- He also let the board know that they were still getting prices to replace valves on the clear wells at the water plant.

**New Business:**

- Jim informed the board that the utility department had rented a Caterpillar mulcher for the month of November to clear ride aways.
- The utility department is in the process of running gas line however, the hard ground is making it difficult to complete.
- **Discussion on Retail Strategies payment**  
Jim brought before the board the discussion on paying the Retail Strategies year 3 contract invoice. Mayor McTizic explained that the city has a contract with Retail Strategies they entered into in 2021. He is asking the board for approval to pay the \$45,000.00 contract invoice for 2023-2024 out of their Economic Development line item in their budget. This line item is in Gas Revenue Fund Expenditures. The mayor explained to the board that going forward if the contract is extended, he will work with the budget committee and council to work the expense into the city's budget. Retail Strategies is a recruitment company that helps bringing in businesses to areas that need help recruiting. After some discussion, Suzanne Rhea made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve to pay the 2023-2024 Retail Strategies contract invoice. All present voted "Aye".
- The insurance check for the damage to the Three-Way regulator came in the amount of \$13,527.64.

- **Gas Prices for November- \$0.66**

**Updates:**

- The bleach tanks are installed and operating.
- The raw water meter has arrived and is up and running.
- Ruby Lane and Martindale lift stations finally arrived from 2021 CDBG Grant. They should start installing them the first of this month.

**Community Comments:** NONE

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

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Chairman

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Director

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