

Bolivar Utility Board

November 4, 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
Paul Fuller

Also Present:

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

Absent: Linc Polk

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order. At this time, he asked for a motion to approve and dispense with the minutes of October 7, 2020. Mr. Crawford made a motion, second by Mr. Fuller to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

Highway 57 Natural Gas Line Extension

Mr. Robert Stigall, Engineer with Hussey Gay Bell, opened the following bids:

ElectriCom.....\$ 147,891.09

R. Jones Underground.....\$ 237,805.00

After reviewing the bids, Mr. Dylan Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larry Crawford to accept the low bid from ElectriCom, contingent of Council approval. All voted "Aye."

Mr. Henson reported he spoke with Mr. Andy Sullivan about the meter set with the scata system that needs to be installed in order to keep up with the pressure. Mr. Sullivan gave an estimate of approximately \$50,000, which would include installing a by-pass and blow off. Mr. Henson stated he had talked to Chairman Wilhite about the regulator station in Middleton. At the present time there is only one regulator feed and it is about 40 years old. This desperately needs to be upgraded and there should be another regulator run added to this in case there are other issues or problems. This would cost approximately \$50,000. This would be an additional \$100,000 over and beyond installing the gas line. Mr. Henson has spoke with Mr. Larry Roach with Hatchie Hardwood and asked him if he is willing to sign a contact stating they would stay in business or be responsible for the cost of the line if they were to pull out, he stated he would sign the contract. Attorney Wes Clayton will draw up the contract and have all parties to sign before the work begins.

New Business:

Discussion for New Service Truck and Bed

Mr. Henson, Director, asked the board if they would consider allowing the Bolivar Utility Department to purchase a new service truck. After a short discussion concerning the poor condition of the present service truck, Mr. Henson stated he could get a truck from Wilson Motor Company on State contract for approximately \$30,000 and the utility bed from Whiteville for approximately \$7,000. After a short discussion, Mr. Larry Crawford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Fuller to approve the purchase of the new truck and bed which will be purchased from Wilson Motor Company on the State contract. All voted "Aye." Mr. Henson stated the old service truck will be sold on GovDeals.

Updates:

Aerators at the Sewer Lagoon

Mr. Brain Smith with Smith and Electric has not been able to begin work nor get the parts to repair the aerators at the lagoon. This has been a two-month delay and needs to be repaired as soon as possible. Mr. Henson stated he would like to give him a 10-day notice and if he is not able to do the work accept the next bid which was from Ricky Ayers Electric and Plumbing. At this time Mr. Larry Crawford made to motion to give Mr. Henson the authority to give Mr. Smith a 10-day notice and if he does not full fill it, move forward with having Mr. Ricky Ayers do the work. Mr. Dylan Hill seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

Gas Prices:

Mr. Henson stated gas prices for the month of November remain at .65 cents.

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

Attest:

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

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