

Bolivar Utility Board
March 4, 2020

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on the above date with the following attendance:

Present:

Jerry Wilhite, Chairman`
Larry Crawford
Linc Polk

Also Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Julian McTizic, Mayor
Wes Clayton, Attorney
Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator
Randy Plunk
Jimmy Sain
Kenny Adkins
Brian Owens

Absent:

Dylan Hill
Paul Fuller

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests. Chairman Wilhite stated he would like to amend the last sentence of the last paragraph, which is discussing the Solar System, of the February 5, 2020, minutes which reads; **After a short discussion, the board agreed to include all the utility departments if the City Council accepts the proposal. (AMEND TO READ) The board voted to have Mr. Tony Kirk, BEA Manager, and engineers, to gather more information on the proposed solar system and study the feasibility of how this would benefit the utility departments. Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Polk to approve and dispense with the minutes with this amendment. All voted "Aye."**

Old Business:

Renovations at Utility Shop

Mr. Henson informed the board the renovations at the Utility Shop was almost complete. Within the next two weeks it will be ready for a final inspection. Mr. Henson invited all board members to come by and look at the much-needed additions.

Young Road/Nuckolls Road

Mr. Henson stated the bid opening for Young Road/Nuckolls Road projects will be opened at the April 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. Robert Stigall, Engineer, will be present to open the bids.

Kilgore Gas Line Relocation

It was reported the Kilgore gas relocation project has been completed. The Utility Department should receive a check within a few weeks for the reimbursement from Encor.

New Business:

Stevens Road collapsed Sewer Line

Mr. Henson informed the board there was a sewer main that collapsed on Stevens Road. This has been an ongoing problem and we had no choice but to fix it permanently. Mr. Travis Jones with R Jones Construction Company was contacted and he contracted this job for \$6,500. The entire project was less than \$10,000 after purchasing gravel, sand etc.

TN Customers Group-Marketing Assistant Program

Mr. Henson told the board the Tennessee Customers Group that Bolivar Utility Department is a member of, consist a group of municipalities and utility districts that have legal representation concerning transportation demand, storage deliverability, and storage space on the pipeline. The Marketing Assistant Program, which is through the Tennessee Customers Group, rebates money back to the utility departments twice each year, to be used for marketing natural gas to the utility department customers. This is the first full year Bolivar Utility Department has been a part of the program and BUD received \$11,418.00 to be used strictly for Marketing Natural Gas to Bolivar Utility Department gas customers.

Refund from Tennessee Energy Acquisition on Pre-Buy A & B Project

Mr. Henson stated the Bolivar Gas Revenue fund will be receiving a refund check or credit on the monthly invoice in the amount of \$61,381.60 on our Pre-Buy gas.

Refund from Utility Service Communications Co.

Mr. Henson stated he was please to announce the Bolivar Water Department had received a check in the amount of \$34,830.34 for our proceeds representing seventy (70%) of the total Gross Annual Site Fees for the calendar year 2019, for the use of our water tank.

Gas Truck Replaced

Mr. Henson reported the Bolivar Utility Department received a check in the amount of \$28,518.25 from Farmers Insurance Company, for the truck that was totaled by Mr. Calvin Howell. The new truck has already been purchased and only cost the Bolivar Utility Department \$378.48.

Meadowbrook Drive Sewer Pumps

At this time Chairman Wilhite recognized several guests that were at the meeting. Being they were not on the agenda he asked if one of them would like to speak. At this time Mr. Larry Crawford stated this group had been before the Utility Board and City Council discussing issues with their sewer problems on Meadowbrook Drive. Mr. Kenny Adkins came forth and asked what the city could do about getting some help with this ongoing problem. Mr. Crawford stated this had been brought to the city's attention and felt we needed to make a decision to help these property owners. Chairman Wilhite stated we would look at this situation again and see what options we have. This has been investigated several times and there are many water users in the City of Bolivar that have pumps where sewer is not available. Chairman Wilhite asked Mr. Wes Clayton to look at the legal issues involving what the city can do and get back with him as soon as possible.

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

Attest:

_____ Chairman

_____ Member

_____ Member

_____ Member

Member

Director