

MEETING MINUTES

Augusta Regional Sewer Authority

Date: April 10, 2018

Members present for the meeting as follows:

Gary Hicks, Jr.
Gary Norris
Randal Smith
John (Jay) Yingling

Local officials present as follows:

Earl Bush, Judge Executive
Taylor Kelsch, Augusta City Council
Joe Goecke, Augusta City Council
Wenell High, Augusta Mayor
Craig Hester, Brooksville Mayor

Guest present as follows:

Anthony Habermehl, Bracken County Water
Kristie Dodge, BTADD

Minutes for the November 14, 2017 meeting and March 13, 2018 were approved upon unanimous vote after motion by Jay Yingling, and second by Gary Hicks.

No Old Business

Moving to New Business

Billing Agreements were discussed. Craig Hester insisted the agreements should be consistent between the 3 entities. He also mentioned that since the city of Brooksville is already billing for sewer, then it would not be a burden to continue to do so for ARSA. Although there would be some office work for the transfer of monies to ARSA. If sewer and water are on the same bill then nonpayment of sewer is not possible, because any money that is paid will go to both. A fee charged to ARSA from the water division for handling the sewer bill was mentioned. Sewer will be charged according to how much Water is billed to the customer. Water Bill Leak adjustments can be performed once per year, per customer. Will the Sewer bill be adjusted for those farmers that use treated water for farming use? Will there be a separate water connection for farm use so that it can be billed separate from the house? Taylor Kelsch advised getting an estimate for ARSA to perform their own billing services to establish true value for billing of sewer so that Augusta is not subsidizing office work for sewage billing. ARSA members Randal Smith and Jay Yingling both argued that the large cost of creating a separate office for billing would create an unnecessary financial burden. Randal mentioned that if Augusta billing was higher than that of Brooksville that this financial burden would directly affect the total amount of the sewer bill for Augusta. Randal asked if they understood that Wendell, Taylor, Jay and he would all be paying more for billing than Gary Norris in

Brooksville. Wendell High acknowledged that he understood. Anthony Habermehl mentioned that he would do some research of how other water districts deal with sewer billing. Jay Yingling will get with the other water districts over the next few weeks to discuss billing agreements.

No Other Business
Moving to Public Comment

Anthony Habermehl offered to help with CSX permit application because of his recent experiences.

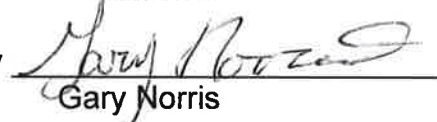
Wendell High wanted to notify the engineering firm about the location of a test well located in close proximity to the proposed site of a sewer lift station near the end of 2nd Street. Randal Smith advised that ARSA will see to it that this is investigated.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Hicks and second by Jay Yingling. Unanimously approved.

I certify this to be a true and exact copy of the minutes of the April 10, 2018 ARSA meeting.

Chairman 
Randal Smith

Date May 30, 2018

Secretary 
Gary Norris

Date May 30, 2018