

MEETING MINUTES

Augusta Regional Sewer Authority

Date: March 12, 2019

Members present for the meeting as follows:

Gary Hicks, Jr.
Gary Norris
Randal Smith
Tom Courtner
Greg Mains

Local officials present as follows:

Scotty Lippert, Magistrate
Tina Teegarden, Judge Executive
Jay Yingling, Augusta City Council
Larry Bradley, Augusta City Council
Craig Hester, Brooksville Mayor
Mike Taylor, Augusta Mayor

Guest present as follows:

Kristie Dodge, BTADD
Ray Bascom, HMB
Dawn Weiss
Jeannie Briley

Existing and New Member Update

We have a new ARSA board member, Greg Mains, appointed by the city of Augusta. Gary Hicks, Jr. submitted his resignation from the ARSA board to Bracken County. The county appointed Thomas Malone to the ARSA board. We currently have openings for the Treasury officer and Vice Chairman officer.

Secretary Report

Minutes for the November 13, 2018 regular meeting was approved upon unanimous vote after motion by Gary Hicks, and second by Tom Courtner.

Old Business

CSX railroad update

ARSA has purchased insurance to go under the CSX railroad.

WWTP site Tree Removal update

Rhett Kelsch has completed the tree removal and we have received the invoice. The check will be given to Gary Hicks Jr. to deliver.

Billing Update

Brooksville has signed an agreement and will not charge for Billing

Augusta has signed an agreement and will not charge for Billing for the first year.

Bracken County has decided to charge us for the data but will not to handle the billing for the County ARSA users. Randal Smith has had issues finding a billing provider to take on such a small number of customers. Randal Smith will continue the work on this.

Engineer Update – DOW and Plans/Specs

Engineering has been completed and submitted to Division of Water and Rural Development to be evaluated. We have not received a response. Once this is completed then we are ready to go to bid.

BTADD update – Permission to Bid and Bid Extension Timeline

We have an extension to bid with KIA until April 23. It is going to be very close to hit this date. Rural Development has been affected by the recent government shutdown which as caused this delay. Easements are completed, letters and documents have been submitted to get permission to bid. Waiting on RD and DOW. Another KIA extension is being evaluated. There was discussion on bid advertisement and bid closing date.

New Business

Pay Bills – Appraisal Services

Motion by Tom Courtner to pay Copperwood Realty Group, Eric Fegan \$800 for the appraisal of 13 acres at the plant site. Second by Greg Mains. Passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Gary Norris to pay HMB for \$27,760 for Engineering Services up to March 4, 2019. Second by Greg Mains. Passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment


The floor was opened for public comment and questions. City of Augusta Mayor, Mike Taylor, asked questions pertaining to the surcharge money and general discussion ensued. Public attendees had questions pertaining to the surcharge money being collected, reserve accounts that are required on the project, I&I issues of both Cities and what has been addressed thus far in each, user agreements and waivers for working septic, and grinder pump replacements and repairs once the line is installed for County users. The Board addressed all questions and concerns during the public comment period. Randal Smith asked if all questions/concerns had been addressed and if there were any other additional questions or concerns. Being none, the floor was closed for comment.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Courtner and second by Greg Mains. Passed by unanimous vote.

I certify this to be a true and exact copy of the minutes of the March 12, 2019 ARSA meeting.

Chairman 
Randal Smith

Date April 9, 2019

Secretary 
Gary Norris

Date April 9, 2019

