

**MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2023  
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM AT MRWC 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Paula Brewster  
Cindy Burnett  
John Burnett  
Robynne Burress  
Mark Carroll  
Angie Hauser  
Otis Hembree  
Chip Reeves  
Don Tucker

**ALSO PRESENT**

John Kingsmore  
Paula Wright

**Meeting Called to Order:** Otis called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:** Mark gave the invocation.

**Approve Minutes:** Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes, John Burnett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Effect January 22<sup>nd</sup> postage stamps are going from to sixty cents to sixty-three cents and will have an impact on the postal cost for all documents mailed to our customers. Effective February The Sourcing Group and Laser Print Plus will implement an 8.30% price increase.

**Sulphur Springs Road Bridge:** John Kingsmore has spoken with Will Yarbrough and the Sulphur Springs Road bridge project will start September 2023. Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering is contacting contractors with boring rigs.

**Gooch Road Extension:** Three customers had paid for a water tap on Gooch Road and work will start in the next week or two.

**Budget Discussion and Finalization:** The budget will be presented at the annual meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Tank Maintenance Bid Opening:** John Kingsmore received four bids for tank maintenance, and he recommends American Tank with the lowest bid of \$61,785.00 per year for ten years. They will be on call 24/7 to maintain the four tanks which are Cross Anchor, Enoree, Intedge, and Mt. Lebanon. Wash out, paint interior and exterior and schedule over a ten year period with American Tank furnishing the paint. The second lowest bid was from US Tanks at a cost of \$72,100.00 per year. The third bid from Dixie was \$793,920.00 and Viking was the highest bid at \$799,580.00. Robynne made a motion, seconded by Angie to award the bid to American Tank, and the motion carried.

**Lead and Copper:** John Kingsmore reported that SRF is a 49% loan forgiveness if you have lead or copper from the mains to the meters, they will pay you the cost for contractors to come in and change from the main line to the house, putting a cut off at the house. He also reported that as of now no lead lines have been found and one copper line was found at Fairforest Heights.

**Insurance Claim:** A deer ran into one of the F-350 work trucks and John Kingsmore talked to Tommy Harrison with Total Collision and he could not fix it until February, so Tommy ordered the parts, and the guys are planning to fix it tomorrow. The insurance company sent Total Collision a check for \$4,500.00 and they will send MRWC a check for the labor.

**Water Line on Highway 92 Bridge:** Christmas Day Trinity Fire Department received a call that one of the supports that holds our eight-inch water line on the bridge on highway 92 had broken loose. John Kingsmore has talked to the engineer at Spartanburg DOT, and he sent everything that has to be done and Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering has helped fill out the DOT permits. Ted Harrison will help with the repair. MRWC will need to hire a third party to help with safety and one lane of traffic will have to be closed on highway 92. The cost for repair is not known at this time.

**Auditor:** John Kingsmore received two auditor bids; Love, Bailey & Associates from Laurens for \$10,500.00 dollars and McKinley Cooper for \$8,500.00. He will check with McKinley Cooper to see if they will provide the same service as Love, Bailey & Associates.

**New Truck:** John Kingsmore recommends that a new truck be purchased.

**Closing Prayer:** Chip closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjourned:** The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.