

**MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.  
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 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  
Hermine Keith  
Don Tucker

**ALSO PRESENT**

Bill Solesbee  
John Kingsmore  
Paula Wright

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

**Invocation:** Mark Carroll had the opening prayer.

**Approve Minutes:** Cindy made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, Robynne seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Don made a motion to approve the Called Minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>, Cindy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Financial Statement:** Robynne made a motion to approve the financials, Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed with Angie and John Burnett opposing.

**Correspondence:** The company received a thank you from the Union County Farm Show for the gift of \$250.00.

A Capital Credit check in the amount of \$21.01 was received from Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

A Principal Financial Group Inc. check in the amount of \$64.61 was received. The market value as of October 12, 2023, is \$9,942.84.

**SCIIP:** John Kingsmore stated that the Highway 49 Project permits are in hand and plans are complete. Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering hopes to have specs to Kathy Blanton with SC DOT this week and then send to RIA for approval and then will advertise for bids. It must be on SCBO for at least 30 days.

**Audit:** Three errors were found in the audit, after they are corrected the company attorney will be asked to look the audit over and once, he gives his blessing the audit will be sent to Byran Jordan with USDA.

**CPA:** John Kingsmore signed and emailed the contract to Love Bailey & Associates, LLC and Paula Wright will call Paul Klein tomorrow to see the number of computers they need to have the

FMS Software installed on and call Southern Software to load FMS software on their company computers.

**Blue Granite:** The sewer company for the Fairwood Subdivision, Blue Granite, has asked MRWC to supply them with the address and consumption of water to their customers so they may be able to charge for the gallons used instead of charging a flat fee. Lawrence Flynn, company attorney stated that we can give customers address and consumption to Blue Granite.

**Class Action Lawsuit:** John Kingsmore talked to Joe Nichols at the City of Union, and they are going to pursuit the lawsuit. Kermit Johnson with Woodruff Roebuck is not going to pursuit the class action lawsuit, but John Kingsmore heard that they may, along with other companies, be going on their own behalf in hopes of gaining more money. Guy Boyle with Spartanburg Water and whom is on the Board of American Water Works Association stated he feels MRWC would not gain any monies because we purchase water, but he will contact us when he arrives from out of town. John Kingsmore now recommends that MRWC does not pursuit the lawsuit. The Board has until December 4<sup>th</sup> to pursuit and December 11<sup>th</sup> to opt out of the suit. John Kingsmore will talk back with Mr. Boyle next week and the Board will review at the next meeting.

**Meadow Woods Road:** John Kingsmore stated that Rich Anderson with Summitt Engineering is working on the drawings and hopes to be finished this week.

**Budget Committee Presentation:** Paula Brewster, Chair of the Budget Committee presented the budget and stated the salaries increase, FICA, Workers Compensation, meter, and fittings. The committee is not budgeting for a new truck but put that money in the equipment upgrade for a mini excavator. Robynne made a motion to approve the budget. The motion passed with Angie and John Burnett opposing. The Budget Committee consisted of Angie, Otis, Robynne, John Kingsmore and Paula Wright

**Hully Bridge Road:** Mike Gault contacted John Kingsmore about moving Herb Heatherly's old meter from Highway 215 to the corner of Hully Bridge Road which Mike now owns and to add a tap for his barn. Mike told Willis Hembree that MRWC was going to install a tap for him, so Willis purchased a water tap. A one-inch water line was run for one mile and a blow off was added at the end of the line on Hully Bridge Road. John Kingsmore will call DEHC and Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering and ask what the procedure is going forward.

**Attorney:** Lawrence Flynn, Company Attorney will be asked to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held February 13, 2024, and to address the Board following the Annual Meeting. Mimi suggested that Board Members write out complaints beforehand for Lawrence.

**South State CD & MM:** The total of the two is \$285,471.39.

**New FMS Version Install:** Paula Wright stated that Southern Software installed a new FMS version and when the October Penalty Transaction Report was run, the report said that it was out of balance even though it did balance. Southern Software was contacted, and they stated it was a fluke in the latest version, but everything did balance.

**Thanksgiving Gift Cards:** Angie made a motion to give the employees a \$25.00 gift card for Thanksgiving, Cindy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Paint Bids:** John Kingsmore received three bids to pressure wash, scrape, seal, and paint the outside of the office building and the four pump stations. The lowest bid was from Benjamin Sills at \$7,500.00 Benjamin carries insurance and will use Best Paint from Sherwin Williams. Mark stated the lowest bid had the most detail of what he was doing, and he moved to hire Benjamin Sills at \$7,500.00 to do the job, Robynne seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Paula C. Wright  
Board Secretary

