

**MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2024
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM AT MRWC 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Angie Hauser
Cindy Burnett
Don Tucker
Hermine Keith
John Burnett
Mark Carroll
Otis Hembree
Paula Brewster
Robynne Burress

ALSO PRESENT

David McAllister
Paul Klein
John Kingsmore
Paula Wright

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

Invocation: Cindy gave the invocation.

Auditor: David McAllister with Manley Garvin spoke to the Board about performing next year's audit and gave a proposal including fees for a single audit, a three year, or five-year option.

CPA: Paul Klein with Love Bailey stated he has reconciled the bank statements through July 2023 and hopes to have through December 2023 by May 28th. He recommends we revert to QuickBooks online and only keep Southern Software's utility billing.

QuickBooks: Angie made a motion to revert to QuickBooks online as soon as possible. Robynne seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

Minutes: Mark made a motion to approve the February 27th minutes, Don seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session at 8:15 p. m. and came out at 8:31 p.m. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Correspondence: The Union County Livestock Association will hold a rodeo on May 24th and 25th at the fairground and ask the company to be a sponsor. Angie made a motion to give \$250.00 and Robynne seconded the motion. The motion passed with John Burnett opposing. MRWC will receive two tickets to attend the rodeo.

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners Awards Banquet will be held at Mon Aetna Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 6:30 p.m. Robynne made a motion to help sponsor by giving \$250.00 and Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed with John Burnett opposing.

Highway 92 Bridge Hanger: Tim Lowery with Lowry Utilities would like to shut down I-26 on both sides of the road long enough to secure the water line by adding straps. Once the line is secure then open one side of the interstate and install the hangers on the bridge. John Kingsmore emailed

Sam Hamam with Spartanburg DOT and requested the shutdown of I-26 and to update the permit that was expiring March 21st. DOT in Columbia is open to the idea of the shutdown but it must be done at night. John Kingsmore has found that between 12:00 a.m. to 4:35 a. m. there is less traffic on the interstate. He and the maintenance crew will be on hand to shut the valves off before work begins and stay on site until work is complete. Tim will have to employ a traffic control company and ask them the date and time they will be available.

Project List: John Kingsmore will have numbers of new customers for each new line extension, cost, distance, and which projects can be done in-house or by contractors at the next meeting. The Board will discuss how to prioritize the list by dates and times.

Disposal of old vehicle: John Kingsmore will get the truck ready to sell.

600 Liberty Ridge Road: John Kingsmore received the DHEC permit yesterday, will mail the encroachment permit application for Spartanburg tomorrow and hopes to start next week at 600 Liberty Ridge Road. The water line will run from Rocky Ridge Road to Chigger Waddell Road.

Mt. Lebanon Road Fire Hydrant: Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering mention to John Kingsmore that he had drawings of fire hydrants he did years ago for the Mt. Lebanon Road. It was found in the minutes from April 28, 2020, that the Board voted to install three fire hydrants from Mt. Lebanon Church Road to Highway 215. John Kingsmore will take care of this old business in-house. He will also ask fire departments to report to MRWC the water used from the fire hydrants when there is a fire.

Joey Hines: The Board will not install a tap on Joey's neighbor's property but will if Joey purchases a parcel of his neighbor's property.

RIA Grant: John Kingsmore reapplied for a grant on Old Hills Bridge Road March 11th and has not heard anything yet. Spartanburg County has agreed to be the recipient of the grant if MRWC is awarded the grant.

SRF Principal Forgiveness Grant: Rich Anderson and John Kingsmore prepared the grant for Meadow Woods Road and Sugar Creek Road and sent it in on March 15th. The SRF sent back questions about fire protection, and they told us to increase the asking from \$875,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00 and increase the water line to a six-inch line. The grant was resubmitted yesterday.

Southern Software FMS Users' Conference: Laurin Chapman attended the FMS Conference and thanked the Board for allowing her to attend in a note she submitted with examples of helpful information learned. Laurin spoke with someone from another company that has used all the modules that Southern Software offers for ten years and still have not been able to reconcile down to the penny, but they did figure out that the beginning figures in the background of the ledger had been put in wrong.

SCRWA Equipment & Operations Expo: James Stroupe and Mitch Heatherly will attend the Expo April 17th to be held at the State Farmers Market in Columbia.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Directors Meeting will be April 23rd.

CD's: Brent Babb reported that the interest from the CD's is \$60,219.56.

USDA Loan: John Kingsmore asked the Board if they wanted to entertain the idea of taking the interest at the end year and paying on the principle of the USDA loan. The Board decided to wait until the year end to decide.

Water Loss: The water loss for February was 21%.

Prayer: Mark had the closing prayer.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Paula C. Wright
Board Secretary