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Regular Meeting August 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for Little Hocking Water Association was called to order by President Carl Ratliff at 6:00 pm. Additional Board members in attendance were Darrell Huck, Kevin Place, Charles Seaman and Debbie Schultz. John Smith, LHWA General Manager was also present.

Guests in attendance were Bob Allen, Willie Holbert, Brian Green, and Justin and Sheree Wilson. Carl Ratliff stated he was resigning from the position as President of the Board and also from the Board. Some discussion followed with Steve Rose explaining to Carl he did not have to resign from the Board in order to relinquish his position as President of the Board. Mr. Ratliff reiterated he did wish to resign from the Board. A roll call vote was taken with all Board Members voting for Darrell Huck by a roll call vote.

Kevin Place moved to accept Carl Ratliff's resignation as President of the Little Hocking Water Association Board of Trustees. Charles Seaman seconded this motion. This motion carried via a roll call vote with all responses being yes.

After some discussion, Charles Seaman moved to nominate Darrell Huck to fill the office of President. Steve Rose seconded this motion. Darrell Huck then moved to nominate Kevin Place for President.

A roll call vote was taken with all Board Members voting for Darrell Huck by a roll call vote.

Darrell Huck is the new president. Carl Ratliff excused himself from our meeting at this time.

Darrell Huck recognized Mr. Bob Allen of the Warren Local School District (WLSD). Mr. Allen stated he is here as a member of the Warren Local School Board to request added water capacity at WLSD campus and area within the school district that is served by Little Hocking Water Association. He believes there is opportunity for growth for the WLSD and without adequate water supply, this opportunity may be lost. He stated he has heard LHWA is raising water rates and believes this is a great first step toward being able to take steps to lift moratoriums on sales of new taps currently in place. Mr. Allen told the LHWA Board the next school board meeting will be held next Monday evening, any information we could share with the Board would be great.

John Smith asked Mr. Allen a question. John had met with Carver's plumber regarding the water service for the new and remaining buildings at the Warren High School campus today. They are supposed to be sending a blueprint showing how to feed Building 2 and Building 6.

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John explained the water line to Building 2. Additional discussion followed. Would like to feed from two different directions, 180 per grade but it's dropping.

Mr. Allen provided some information on funding possibilities including House Bill 168. He feels we should be eligible to apply for these funds. A copy of the handout, Water And Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions was provided to the Board.

Darrell Huck mentioned no one can hook up to the Washington County sewer system at this time due to an Influx and Infiltration (I & I) problem. Mr. Allen thanked Darrell for letting him know this and stated he would be attending County Commission meetings as well to discuss this obstacle to growth in the Warren Local School District.

Willie Holbert mentioned the "lost" communities of Little Hocking, Bartlett and Cutler due to the consolidation of these schools at other locations, but have created a "new" town.

Next, Willie Holbert was the next guest recognized. He responded he was here with Bob Allen.

President Darrell Huck next recognized Mr. Brian Green. Mr. Green stated he purchased a home on Boggy Hollow, has some horses and animals, and has a need for a reliable water source. Would LHWA consider installing a water line extension on this road. There are three families in 7/10 of a mile off Federal Road, four folks are interested in taps. Those familiar on the board stated this may not be feasible due to rock being in the area where the water line would be run. John Smith told Mr. Green he would be in contact with him and come out to take a look at this request. John will report back to the Board with his findings.

BELL ROAD

Darrel Huck recognized Justin & Sheree Wilson. Mr. Wilson stated they are here to check on the status of the Bell Road Extension. They need to be out of their house and will be living temporarily in a building on their property, however, they have no source of water. They understand the project has been approved, just wondering when work will begin. John Smith explained he has not been able to find four inch pipe for this project. He has located 3,000 feet of three inch pipe but not enough to complete the entire project yet. PVC pipe is not being produced at this time due to the scarcity of petroleum resources. John told the board if we begin this project at Hayes Road with this 3,000' of three inch pipe, we would be able to provide connections to six new taps.

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Kevin Place moved to purchase and install 3,000 feet of 3" pipe from the intersection of Hayes Road and Bell Rd. south on Bell. Steve Rose seconded this motion. Motion carried via a unanimous roll call vote.

Justin and Sheree Wilson thanked the Board, then excused themselves from our meeting at 7:02 pm.

Mr. Bob Allen and Mr. Willie Holbert also thanked the board and excused themselves from our meeting.

Carl Ratliff left the meeting at this time as well.

MINUTES

Steve Rose moved to accept the minutes of the July Regular monthly Board Meeting as amended. Kevin Place seconded this motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Charles Seaman moved and Steve Rose seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the July 30th Special Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

General Manager, John Smith, made the Board aware of the following updates for Old Business Items.

RADIO READ METERS

We have resumed installing radio read meters, 60 MIU units were installed last month.

NEW TAPS

Eight new taps were installed during the period of July 13, 2021 to August 9, 2021.

CO RD 3

No changes to report at this time.

DUGAN RIDGE BOOSTER

Parts are here, EFI and IT need to get together to complete this project which should be completed by the next Board meeting.

BELL ROAD

Lang has committed to do this project when the pipe arrives.

MEETING TIME

Changing the time of the Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees has been discussed in previous meetings, however, a formal change has not been made. During discussion of this topic again tonight it was agreed to change the time of this monthly meeting.

Charles Seaman moved to change the time of the Regular Monthly meeting of the Board to be 7:00 pm effective with the October 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Kevin Place seconded this meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

WELL # 1

Well # 1 was pulled and swabbed (cleaned) today, three feet of sand and dirt was found in the screen.

A camera will be run down in it to inspect the pipe tomorrow. A new pump is needed but the motor head looks good so far. The cost to date is \$ 4,923.08.

TANK MAINTENANCE

The 555 Tank painting is complete and will be filled tomorrow, Tuesday August 13th.

By next week, the Tank on 26 (Frost Road in cemetery) will be out of service for maintenance. This will be the third tank to be painted in 2021.

HYDRAULIC MODELING, FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN, & ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPLETION

After review and discussion of the proposal received, Steve Rose moved to accept the proposal from Bennett & Williams for Hydraulic Modeling, a Five Year Master Plan, and completion of our Asset Management system. Charles Seaman seconded this motion. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REIMBURSEMENT TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Charles Seaman mentioned although it has been discussed on several times, a motion has not been made regarding the Board Member pay for Special Meetings.

Charles Seaman moved the payment for each Special Meeting is \$ 100.00 per meeting attended by Board Members. This motion was seconded by Kevin Place. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW TAPS

Warren High School has requested a three inch tap. It is now John's understanding they want to connect onto the fire hydrant which has no meter. Why do they need a three 3" tap? This is a question that remains to be answered. Perhaps when the approved blue prints are received, this question will be answered.

STAFFING

The search continues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steve Rose moved to go into executive session at 8:26 pm. Charles Seaman seconded this motion. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Kevin Place moved and Steve Rose seconded a motion to exit executive session at 9:00 pm. This motion passed with the responses to a roll call vote all being affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

RED BIRD WATER DISPOSAL WELLS

It was brought to the Board's attention of a month of high usage, our field personnel have been checking this meter each month. They could not find evidence of a leak but water was going through the meter. John Smith will pull the reports for this meter to see when the water was passing through the meter.

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Kevin Place moved and Steve Rose seconded a motion to pay the bills. This motion carried via a roll call vote with all responses being yes.

Steve Rose moved to adjourn the regular August regular monthly meeting of the Little Hocking Water Association Board of Trustees. Kevin Place seconded this motion. Motion carried via a unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Debbie Schultz, Secretary Treasurer


Darrell Huck, President