

**Heard County Water Authority  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2019**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on Monday November 26, 2018 at 5:00p.m. The following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Patty Jiles, Loy Howard, Tommie McKeever and Alvin Ginn.

Chairman Gosdin called the meeting to order. Tommie McKeever gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Chairman Gosdin welcomed Lawrence Lipford.

**Approve Agenda:** On motion and second (Howard, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made to approve the agenda.

**Approve Minutes:** On motion and second (Jiles, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for December 2018.

**Public Comments:**

Lawrence Lipford addressed the board with his concerns that the county was not allotting enough SPLOST funds to the water authority projects, and instead was spending SPLOST funds on new buildings. He stated he may be going to the upcoming Commissioner's meetings to voice his thoughts.

**New Business:**

**Checking Account Options:** Director Laurie Cook discussed options on how to gain interest on SPLOST funds. Director Cook presented the information and options she had received from Regions Bank. Alvin Ginn expressed that he would like for Director Cook to confirm that the bank account be covered by FDIC. Loy Howard asked Director Cook to look at other bank options to find the best interest rate to make the SPLOST money work for HCWA. Howard suggested giving Director Cook the authority to move ahead and choose the bank with the best return.

On motion and second (Howard, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made to give Director Cook the authority to choose banking options to gain interest for the Authority and then report back to the Board.

**Old Business:**

**GEFA Loan Update:** Director Cook announced the great news that the GEFA loan was approved. The interest rate was better than expected. It is a 20 year loan at 1.33%. The GEFA loan packet will arrive soon and will be signed.

**Rate Study Update:** Director Cook announced progress is being made with the rate study and she plans to present it to the Board in February. Due to the large volume of data, Cook said she wants to meet with board members individually and answer any questions and review the rate study before the board meeting in February.

## **CDBG Update:**

Director Cook presented a letter from the City of Franklin allowing an extension on the project, which she supports, due to all the rain we have had. The contractors requested an extension until March 14, 2019. That extension was granted and signed off on by Mayor Joel Rogers.

Holloway Utility Construction from Carrollton will complete the water line project in the South River Road apartments. Emerson was assigned to complete other portions of the sewer project.

Director Cook plans to meet with Thomas Miller again to discuss a temporary construction easement for space needed to install a replacement sewer line on South River Road.

## **Reports:**

### **1.) Administration:** Michelle Robinson, CPA, reported financial statements.

\*SPLOST IV: It now reflects the \$2.5 million, as well as the \$500,000 received in 2017, for a total of \$3 million.

\*Concerns with the Utilities costs will be investigated. The amount has almost doubled.

\*Total Expense for December: \$177,842.34

\*Net Ordinary Income: \$99,892.82

Loy Howard suggested looking into taking some of the balance of the Revenue Account and converting it to a CD to gain interest. Howard also suggested looking at other accounts to see if HCWA could put that money to work for the company.

### **2.) Distribution:** Michael McClain reported for Distribution:

Services: 1  
Leaks: 29  
Main Breaks: 3  
Main Leaks: 0  
Locates: 39  
Work Orders: 128  
Turn Offs: 61  
Data Log: 17  
DOT Permits: 0

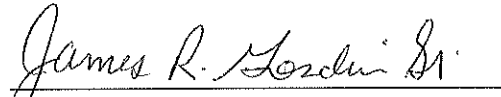
**3.) WTP-** Bryant Snyder reported normal operations and no violations for December. Water plant had rain fall of 12.6 inches. Rain negatively affected operations and efficiency of filters. Raw water turbidity increased to 30 NTU. Safety Meeting: Water plant had a comprehensive review of operating the chain hoist in a safe manner after an accident occurred with a pinched finger while lifting a motor.

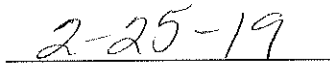
**4.) WWTP-** Darrell Brice reported normal operations and no violations for December. Safety meeting about being aware of your surroundings was held on 1/8/2019.

**Executive Session:** On motion and second (Ginn, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to amend the Agenda and to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

**Return to Open Session:** On motion and second (Howard, Ginn) a unanimous vote was made to return to open session. No action was taken in executive session.

**Adjourn:** On motion and second (Howard, McKeever) a unanimous vote was made to adjourn at 6:02 pm.

  
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James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Chairman

  
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