

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE  
UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
August 8, 2023

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Shane Taylor, Chairperson. Member's present: Will Shavers, Boo Johnston, Shane Taylor, Jon Robertson and Ronnie Cunningham.

Visitors: Travis Wilson, *LJA Engineering*, and Tabitha Moore, *The Lynchburg Times*, Peggy Sue Blackburn- Metro Councilmember, Charles McGee, Casey McGee and CJ McGee, Anthony Jones, and Russ with Richland Industries.

The motion was made by Jon Robertson and seconded by Will Shavers to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Peggy Sue Blackburn – Councilmember Blackburn addressed the board with concerns that her constituents are still unable to hook on to county water. Many residents in her district are still using wells to supply their homes with water. She asked the utility board to consider installing a water booster station on Dogtail Road or a surrounding road to help meet the pressure needs for home to be constructed in her district. The McGee family were also present, representing residents of this area. Their family is currently hooked up to wells for water supply. Mr. Charles McGee suggested Anderson Road as a possibility for the pump station location. Shane Taylor mentioned that the board had recently been approached by another family in the area with a similar situation. After discussion the board asked Ronnie Cunningham to work with the engineers to formulate a plan with costs for a potential project. Mr. Cunningham informed the board that many areas in Moore County have low pressure due to the county's topography. Mr. Taylor suggested testing the pressure in the areas Mr. Cunningham is referring so the board has an idea of how many areas are affected. Councilmember Blackburn suggested possible pumping stations be installed at the various locations to meet the citizen's need for county water and growth in the county. Mr. Charles McGee said he would be willing to help pay for some of the costs involved in the installation of additional water lines in his area to provide the water to pump out into the county. Someone mentioned a gentleman from Bedford County buying water from Bedford County Utility. Ronnie Cunningham will research what all needs to be included in pricing a project of this scope. Mr. Charles McGee said he was willing to offer a portion of his land for the pumping station to be constructed. Partial pricing will be presented at the September meeting for discussion.

Engineer's Report: Travis Wilson updated the board on several ongoing projects:

1. TDOT has two more weeks on the water portion of the road widening project. They have four more weeks on the sewer portion once the sewer lines are installed.
2. Sewer Rehab Project is complete. The contractor is finishing up paperwork to submit their final pay request.

3. 12” water main project is still ongoing for the next couple of months. Whisky Creek developers are currently reviewing contract documents before proceeding with their section of the water main. There is an issue with the sewer tie ins and the engineers are still in conversation with the developer.

Manager’s Report:

1. Mr. Cunningham presented the board with a formal bid tab for the Cates Booster Station. After reviewing the bid proposals Shane Taylor asked why the design on the last page of the bid package isn’t a clam shell design and is instead a concrete structure? There was a discussion between the Richland Industries representative and the board members on why they didn’t present a clamshell design in the bid specifications. Mr. Taylor reiterated that the board specifically asked to see the cost differences between a concrete structure and a clam shell design. Travis Wilson, LJA brought up the procedures for bid processes and a recommendation. Boo Johnston made a motion to accept the current bid at a cost of \$735,486.48 from Richland Industries and asked that they come back and present updated prices including a clamshell structure. The motion was seconded by Jon Robertson. A roll call vote was taken Boo Johnston – Yes, Will Shavers – Yes, Jon Robertson – Yes, Shane Taylor -Yes. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Mr. Cunningham asked the board to consider a proposal from Wascon to install a flow meter at Jack Daniel North. After a discussion a motion was made by Jon Robertson and seconded by Shane Taylor to accept the proposal. A roll call vote was taken Jon Robertson – Yes, Will Shavers-Yes, Boo Johnston -Yes, Shane Taylor – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Will Shavers, and seconded by Boo Johnston, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM. Motion passed 4-0.

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Shane Taylor, Chairperson