

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2023

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for April 11, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Shane Taylor, Chairperson. Member's present: Charles "Boo" Johnston, Jon Robertson, Will Shavers (arrived late), Shane Taylor, Barry Posluszny, Ronnie Cunningham, and Brooke Fanning.

Visitors: Travis Wilson, *LJA Engineering*, Mike Mitchell, Allen Babian, Allen Prince, Mark Prince, *Prince Construction*

The motion was made by Barry Posluszny and seconded by Jon Robertson to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Allen Babian Water Line Extension Request: Mr. Babian requested the utility board honor a twenty-year-old verbal agreement between himself and the utility board regarding running a water line to his property at the top of Highway 82 near Bedford County. Mr. Babian says he purchased the property and was told the utility would be extending the water line to the county line on Highway 82 and the utility has not honored this. Mr. Ronnie Cunningham explained it was currently impossible for the water line to be extended due to topography. If the water line were to be extended there is not enough pressure on the water line to push the water uphill to Mr. Babian's property. To get the line pressurized the utility would need to install a pump station and extend the water line. Brooke Fanning said she would read the past board minute books for information about this situation and provide it to the board at the May meeting for further discussion. Ronnie Cunningham will speak with the engineering firm to get the elevation of the parcel to see if MUD can run water to Mr. Babian's property.

Russell Sells resignation: Shane Taylor informed the board that he had received Russell Sells resignation letter and would entertain a motion to accept his resignation. The motion was made by Jon Robertson and seconded by Shane Taylor to accept his resignation. Motion passed 4-0.

Ronnie Cunningham Interim General Manager: Shane Taylor proceeded to ask the board for permission to nominate Ronnie Cunningham as Interim General Manager of the utility until the interview process could be completed and a suitable candidate chosen for Russell's replacement. Barry Posluszny made the motion to accept Ronnie Cunningham as the Interim General Manager. The motion was seconded by Charles Johnston. Motion passed 4-0.

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

1. Sewer Rehab Project Phase I is nearing completion. He anticipates completion within 90 days.
2. TDOT Road Widening has begun and is moving along as scheduled.

3. 12” Water Main project has begun at the new baseball park. Prince Construction has completed everything they can except the 3 creek crossings and the tie into the Whisky Creek Development.
4. The board had a Q&A session about various projects. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Wilson, Shane Taylor asked Mr. Wilson to add a timeline to the projects so the board could anticipate project closings.

Harry Hill and Cates Booster Stations: At the April meeting the board asked to see separate cost tabulations for each booster station for their consideration. Mr. Wilson told the board the estimated cost for the Cates Booster Station would be between \$640,000 - \$850,000. Barry Posluszny made the motion to proceed with seeking bids for the Cates Booster Station. The motion was seconded by Will Shavers. Motion carried 4-0. The board decided to table the Harry Hill Booster Station portion until a later date.

Policy G Revisions – *Multiple Connections to One Meter*: After a brief discussion Barry Posluszny made the motion to accept the Policy G Revisions as presented. Charles Johnston seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Stats: Brooke Fanning presented the board with the water loss statistics from July 2022-March 2023 for review. She explained that a report would be presented in the board packets from now on for their review. She further explained she and Ronnie Cunningham were considering replacing the large 6” meters at the Jack Daniel North and South plants. Each of these meters are reaching obsolescence. MUD staff have monitored the zone meter installed before the south bottling plant at various times. When MUD staff compare the water flow through the zone meter with the 6” water meter at south bottling they have noticed a variance of about half. The other meters registering usage through that zone meter would not make up the difference in water usage. To ensure metering accuracy the Jack Daniel meters should be replaced due to age and compatibility with MUD’s current meter system. Brooke asked permission to present quotes for 6” meter purchases for these locations. The quotes will be presented to the board for consideration at the May meeting. Motion was made to allow the utility to obtain quotes for two 6” water meters with ultrasonic capabilities by Jon Robertson and seconded by Barry Posluszny. Motion carried 5-0.

Rita & Roy Logan RV: Mrs. Rita Logan asked permission from the utility board to allow an RV to be set up behind her mother’s home (Georgia Hensley) on Major Blvd. Mrs. Hensley requires more family assistance for life care and setting an RV on her property is a quick and viable option for her family. The motion was made to allow a temporary RV to be set up at the back of the property by Barry Posluszny and seconded by Jon Robertson. Motion passed 5-0.

2022-2023 Budget Revisions: Brooke Fanning presented the board with a few budget amendments for consideration:

52100-200	Telephone	\$10,000.00
53580-200	Chemicals	\$130,000.00

52130-210	Electricity	\$55,000.00
53730-300	Lab Fees	\$6,000.00
53160-310	Education	\$6,000.00

A motion was made to accept the budget amendments as presented by Jon Robertson and seconded by Shane Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

2023-2024 Budget Proposal: Brooke Fanning presented the utility board with the proposed 2023-2024 budget for consideration. After a discussion a motion was made by Will Shavers and seconded by Barry Posluszny to submit the proposed budget to the Metro Budget Committee for their review and consideration. A roll call vote was taken: Will Shavers – Yes, Jon Robertson – Yes, Shane Taylor – Yes, Barry Posluszny – Yes, Charles Johnstons – Yes.

Mark Prince – Prince Construction: Mr. Prince asked the board’s permission to change the creek cuts stated in the construction contract to directional drilling. After a discussion the board asked for the costs associated with this change and wanted the cost presented to the engineer. Mr. Prince said he would get the revised pricing to Brooke Fanning for distribution to all parties for consideration. After Mr. Prince left, the board discussed and seems inclined to deny this request next month. The item will be added to the May agenda for further discussion.

Water Plant Filter Bed Project: Ronnie Cunningham presented the board with three quotes for the filter beds at the water treatment plant to be refurbished. The board asked for time to consider the quotes and wished to have this item added to the May agenda.

A motion was made by Barry Posluszny, and seconded by Shane Taylor, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

Shane Taylor, Chairperson