

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2023

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for February 14, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Shane Taylor, Chairperson. Member's present: Charles "Boo" Johnston, Jon Robertson, Will Shavers, Shane Taylor, Barry Posluszny, Russell Sells and Ronnie Cunningham.

The utility board opened the floor to nominations for a new chairperson. Shane Taylor was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made for chairperson. Will Shavers made the motion to accept Shane Taylor as chairperson and was seconded by Jon Robertson. Motion passed 5-0.

The utility board opened the floor to nominations for a new vice-chairperson. Will Shavers was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made for vice-chairperson. Jon Robertson made the motion to accept Will Shavers as the Vice-Chairperson and received a second by Shane Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Barry Posluszny and seconded by Will Shavers to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Visitors: Travis Wilson and Matt Williamson, *LJA Engineering*, Tabitha Moore, *The Lynchburg Times*, and Dennis & Kayla White, *Promise Manor*, Bradley Pittman, *Hawkins and Price Contractors*, Mayor Sloan Stewart

The Silos at Promise Manor - Policy G - Multiple *Connections to One Meter*: The utility board had a lengthy discussion on the definition of a "customer" as requested by Mrs. Kayla White. Mrs. White pressed for clarification in regard to the board's definition of a customer and the definition of a "dwelling". After several interruptions by Mrs. White; Jon Robertson, Barry Posluszny and Shane Taylor spoke to the Policy G language and the utility board interpretations. Shane Taylor asked for a motion from the members to address enforcement of Policy G in regards to The Silos at Promise Manor. Barry Posluszny made the motion to follow Policy G and require separate taps for each structure (Silo) on their property in thirty days (30) the start of the deadline date begins March 1, 2023. Will Shavers seconded the motion. At the end of thirty days (30) if the property is not in compliance with Policy G the existing water meter will be pulled from the property. Motion passed 5-0.

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

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant is having issues with the diffusers. The diffusers are key to the health of the plant. Several options will be presented next month for board consideration.
2. Water Treatment Plant is experiencing filter issues. A more detail plan and options will be presented at next month's meeting.

3. TDOT Road Widening has begun. There are several plans in works to moving the water line and sewer force main near the Lynchburg Nursing Home. MUD staff has been in discussions with nursing home staff to ensure they are able to provide quality service to their residents during this project.
4. Sewer System Rehab is scheduled to be completed in a few weeks. The system is operating in good order as planned.
5. 12” Water Main project has begun at the new baseball park. All parties have been meeting to coordinate timelines for construction.
6. TDEC ARPA – the executed contract has been received by MUD. Russell asked for a motion to allow signing the \$2 million task order to begin the start of data, planning and design portions of the Sewer Rehab Phase II. Will Shavers made the motion and Shane Taylor seconded. A roll call vote was taken, Will Shavers - Yes, Jon Robertson – Yes, Charles Johnston – Yes, Barry Posluszny – Yes, Shane Taylor – Yes. Motion passes 5-0.
7. MCHS sewer force main is having an issue and the water department is trying to help them figure out where the issue is located as a community contribution.

Harry Hill and Cates Booster Stations: Mr. Sells gave some history of the pressure issues facing the customers in south end of the county which the Cates Booster Station will address. He also spoke to the Coy Hill Pump Station and Harry Hill Booster Station and the need to upgrade the existing pump station and erect the Harry Hill Booster Station to prepare for an emergency situation. He presented the certified bid tab with calculations detailing the costs for constructing these booster stations. Travis Wilson explained the engineering budget estimate was far less (\$1.3 million approximate) originally than when was received at the bid opening (\$2.8 million). After a lengthy presentation and discussion by the board members it was agreed that the board needed time to consider more options for this project. The bid received was over 50% higher than the original cost estimate. The board members felt this was unacceptable pricing. No action was taken, and the item will be discussed at the March board meeting with other options being presented at that time.

The board members asked multiple questions about pressure, volume, and water loss. Mr. Sells recapped plans with them at length to address these issues. He also offered any of them to stop by and discuss in detail the steps that have been taken and what steps are needed to solve non-revenue water.

A motion was made by Barry Posluszny, and seconded by Will Shavers, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

Shane Taylor, Chairperson