

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

July 27, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Rockwood City Hall at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Loren Bone presiding. Commissioners Bobby Anderson, Joe Moore, and Jeff Penley were present; Commissioner Mark Clem came in at 6:18.

Public Comment: Cynthia & Allan Lepine, 200 Hidden Oaks, were present to request further explanation of the \$3,000 sewer adjustment that was approved by the Board. Chairman Bone explained that the adjustment was established by previous customers' leaks that were limited to that amount. The customers were satisfied with the limits provided.

Hank Brown, representing Grand Vista Bay HOA, asked to be included on the next meeting agenda. They would like to discuss the water pressure in their area. Kim Leffew asked if he had seen the letter that was sent to the HOA and he had not. She stated that she will send him a copy that should explain the history. Chairman Bone asked that this issue be included in the August agenda.

Approval of June minutes: Commissioner Penley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey Leffew reported that June financials are incomplete at present pending year-end adjustments. They, as well as July financials, should be ready in the August meeting. Ms. Leffew will be included in a conference call on August 11th that will inform of bond rating. We are in the last 30 days of review with FEMA after our response to them. There have been a couple of covid contacts among employees that initiated a plan for non-vaccinated employees to wear masks and there should be no visitors at the plants.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I update:** A written report was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and Approval of Preliminary Engineering Analysis for Water Treatment Plant improvements – J.R. Wauford:** The aging infrastructure at the WTP was the purpose of a visit by this company that specializes in Water and Wastewater Treatment Plan design. This study will help plan for future growth and hopefully eliminate future problems. The cost of the study was \$28,500 and Ms. Leffew recommended approval. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Consideration of sewer adjustment request – 111 Mariners Cove:** Christiaan Dejong requests further adjustment to his sewer in addition to the \$2,500 that Servline

has provided. Commissioner Penley made a motion to adjust \$3,000 off his sewer and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Authorization for collection action – Global Energy LLC:

Global Energy has been through foreclosure on July 9th and has reopened as American GreenFuels. According to the new owners, Global Energy is responsible for the old debt that exceeds \$10,000. Sharon Reynolds is aware of the collection effort. Ms. Leffew requested authorization to collect. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Ratification of additional paving of water plant driveway – APAC-Atlantic, Inc:

Additional areas were paved and curbing corrected which exceeded the approved amount of \$24,725.50. Our property insurance paid \$28,413.66 toward the total bill of \$29,384.25. Ms. Leffew asked for approval of the difference. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and approval of collection list: Commissioner Penley made a motion to approve and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

(A delegation from the Grand Vista Bay HOA, who were late arriving, requested time to speak at this point but were informed that Mr. Brown has already requested and been granted time on the August agenda.)

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM by motion of Commissioner Penley and second by Commissioner Anderson.

Loren Bone, Chairman

Joan Kerley, Secretary