

**LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DECEMBER 2017 minutes**

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session December 18, 2017. Present were board members Tom Tucker, Mark Hardin, and Wendy Crabtree. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, Mayor Milton Lightfoot, and Tyler Howell. Guest: Larry Heiser, Jennifer Price, Dale Albert, and Panfil Costea.

The regular meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Tom Tucker and second by Wendy Crabtree.

The financial report - was given and bills presented for payment. Wendy Crabtree moved to pay the bills and seconded by Tom Tucker, motion passed.

Complaints – No complaints.

Delinquent Bills- 25 shut off notices

Old Business-

New Business –

Jennifer Price was present to thank the board for getting the water fixed along Swain Avenue, but she would like for her yard to be picked up. The Board reporter they would get it cleaned up the next day.

Contract with Dale Albert was presented and signed. Mr. Albert will be starting at the water plant as the licensed operator starting January 1st until Tyler Howell receives the necessary hours he needs to get his license.

Larry Heiser was present to discuss the issues at the water plant that the Board has been having over the last several years.

1. High service pump issues since 2013. The Board has documented and had issues with the original assembly for several years with the following items:
 - a. Bushings on the pump
 - b. Strainer basket screwed on the bottom and it wobbled around so much it tore up the impeller
 - c. The pumps run so hard you can hear them outside the plant
 - d. Pump manufacture reported that these pumps were oversized for our plant
 - e. Jamison Well Drilling reported that the rpms were way too high for the plant
 - f. High service pumps are needing to be completely replaced with a cost of \$26,000
2. Issues with analog sensors that have digital readers inside the plant and they won't communicate properly.
3. The board had to replace the furnace because it was not properly vented so it deteriorated and quit working within a couple years of the plant being built.
4. Issues with the well pumps and numerous repairs have been completed.

Mr. Heiser reported that he feels the board could proceed with holding the engineering firm accountable for all these issues and failures. The first step Mr. Hesier thought should be taken is to contact URS with a letter with all the above items that have occurred with an invitation to a meeting to try and come up with a resolution. The issues at the plant would fall under the uniform commercial code that basically the plant is not performing as it was designed to do. The Board was concerned that URS may have changed names but Mr. Hesier stated that if they were bought out then whoever bought them could be held responsible.

The other issue that was discussed was the Market Street grant water line replacement project that resulted with water breaks all over town and a large amount of expenses. Mr. Hesier is going to talk with the prosecutor's office to see if they would offer to look into this case since it was a grant project.

Jamison's Well Drilling estimate for pump replacement for the whole project is \$26,000.

The Board is working with Roberta from RCAP to obtain a loan from OWDA to purchase the new pumps along with several other pieces of equipment needed.

Kiwanis Village meter is still having issues so Tyler Howell is going to look into whether it needs replaced.

The next regular meeting will be January 15, 2018 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk