

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

November 2019 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session November 19, 2019. Present were board members Wendy Crabtree and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Diane Evans, Dave Albert, Connie Kendall, Bradley Albert, Phil Wright and Scott Jaffee.

The financial report – Doug Shawver made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Old Business-

Scott Jaffee was present and the general engineering contract with GPD Group is expiring and will need renewed if the Village wants to continue services. The design loan was approved through EPA for the \$79,483. The permit to install is needed to apply for the CDBG grant and Scott reported he is working to get that permit. Mr. Jaffee reported he will be staying on top of everything for the requirements for the funding and what is needed for engineering. The award date had to be moved to April because the CDBG money will not be awarded until February. The bid documents are being created and will be ready when the time comes. Scott Jaffee is going to contact RCAP and see if they can provide an outline for dates and funding documents needed.

The water group with GPD Engineering is coming up with a proposal on Vine Street water line project and they will present that to Marion Regional planning.

The property that Mark Umphrey is installing the sewer line on is now owned by George Taylor so the Board will need written permission from Mr. Taylor. The written permission can be recorded on the property at the recorder's office so it would transfer with the property.

Cogburn Electric and Tri Rivers would not install the chlorine pump so Tyler Howell is waiting on Wigen to send over the instructions to install so and Tyler Howell can complete the job.

The EPA will be sending a bill for the chemical testing and once that's paid then the testing session can be scheduled for Steve Kendall.

RCAP has come and got the Villages water maps to make everything digital.

New Business –

Phil Wright was present to talk with the board about the new EPA regulations that requires operators to visit plants more frequently. The Marion County Sanitary is presenting a new contract that outlines they will be visiting three days per week and the cost will be increasing. The new requirement actually specifies that someone is at the lagoons five days per week but a certified operator can visit three days and two days Tyler Howell can check the lagoons. The Village will have to stop at the lagoons two days per week and get out of the truck and walk up to check the lagoons. When the lagoon is not discharging, the County will actually only have to visit once per week otherwise, it will be three visits per week. The County decides when the lagoon discharges. The visits will be three days per week at ½ hour per visit. The new NPDES permit did have lower requirements for testing so that did save the Village a small amount of money. The question was asked if this would affect the lift stations or just the lagoons and Phil Wright stated it would only affect the lagoons. A motion was made by Doug Shawver to approve the new contract with Marion County Sanitary Department with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

EPA would like Orth Phosphate tested weekly rather than monthly and the current cost to send it out weekly to Alloway is \$1968 for two years and in house \$900.00 to start up and purchase equipment.

The first year would cost the Village the most because equipment purchase, but the following years it would save the Village money. Up until January, the testing will need to be sent out and then starting in 2020 the Village will begin testing it in house. A motion was made by Doug to purchase the testing equipment with a second by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be December 17, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk