

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
March 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in special session March 20, 2020. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, John Boyd, Dave Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, Lance Roberts, Tommy Ford, and Tyler Howell. Attendance: Kurtis Strickland (RCAP) & Scott Jaffee (GPD)

Main purpose was to discuss email from Kurtis (RCAP) dated 3/18/2020 stating the village would be responsible for \$257,768.75 of the total \$1,031,075.00 project.

Discussion Points as follows:

- Members of council stated during the time frame of April ~ July 2019 that the village was under the impression that 100% of free money would be given to the village through grants & EPA forgiveness loans. The village could not afford any type of payment. The project would have to be 100% free money.
- RCAP responded that even though the image was 100% of the project would be covered by grants and EPA forgiveness loans and maybe a lack of explanation the village would still be responsible for a portion for this project. Even though the image that was implied was 100% free money is not the case. Also, you cannot use grant money to pay off a loan. RCAP presented documents of timeframe milestones & financing options & cost to customers during the April ~ July 2019 timeframe. RCAP also determined that their interpretations of funding needed clarification from EPA. Also stated that this the first project they have seen that project was funded 75% by grants or forgiveness loans.
- Discussed why tower size was changed from 100,000 gallons to 150,000 gallons. Based on pressure needed and possible growth, decision was made to go forward with 150,000 gallon tanks. Cost difference was estimated to be approximate \$85,000 but with grants, loans, reengineering fees, etc, that cost saving would be closer to \$25,000. Also, might jeopardize EPA & CDBG funding and time frame.
- Asked if water tower fell down & left village with no water would EPA build new tank without cost. Answer was "NO". This answer was based on that a natural disaster did not happen to create the current conditions of the tower. There has been very little preventive maintenance and inspections done over the years. When potential problems were pointed out the repairs did not happen.
- Loan payment timing was discussed. 1based on completion date, payment would not be due until July 2021 or January 2022.
- Discussion was to add \$3.00 per month per tap to prepare for the loan payment and & to do necessary inspections/repair.
- Council will prepare necessary paperwork to have 1st reading of this rate increase beginning April meeting.
- Due to current conditions, a newsletter will be prepared to inform village residents of this matter and background information.

Chairman

Clerk