

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
February 2021 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session February 23, 2021. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall & Craig Mescher from Access engineering

The financial report – Diane Evans made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. Diane Evans made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed.

Old Business –

Tyler Howell reported that RO1 filters were replaced at the plant. The plant is currently running on the north well and the filters in RO1. A motion was made by Diane Evans to approve Jamison to clean the south well and to replace the filters in RO2 with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed.

The Board discussed and reviewed the contract for the backup water plant operator. The Board came up with a job description so Mr. Swartz can put the final contract together. The Board would like a minimum of 40 hours per quarter at \$4,000 per year. The Board wants to add into the contract that the backup operator may be required to cover weekends and holidays when full time personnel maybe off.

The hydrant in front of the Methodist Church will be replaced once the weather breaks.

New Business –

Craig Mescher from Access Engineering was present to talk with the Board about the plant and if there are any options for the Village to do anything about the issues at the plant. Tyler Howell reported the Board is having issues at the plant with high levels of iron and bacteria from the wells and they need to be cleaned every 2 years. The Board talked with Mr. Mescher about grant options to maybe remove the OR filtration system that is costing so much money and clearly the Village cannot sustain the cost of the plant. The Board needs to prove to the EPA that the plant is not sustainable to the Village with the operating costs. Mr. Mescher said an infrastructure bill is going to be coming up so some money will be coming available here soon. An application needs to be submitted to the EPA and March 3rd the applications will be reviewed. The Board approved to submit the application to the EPA and the Board will wait and see if anything can be done.

Water plant construction phone meeting was held @7:24pm during the meeting. The paint color and font was decided and the Board will be going with KC Blue and white lettering.

Water break occurred this month on Section and Market Street. The line in that area is in rough shape and was repaired the best it could be.

Tyler Howell reported that four residential meters froze this month and had to be replaced.

The Board discussed the next round of CDBG money (2022) and the Board needs to see what project the Village has on file with Regional Planning and possibly changing it to replacing some valves.

A motion was made by Diane Evans to adjourn the meeting with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. The next regular meeting will be March 15, 2021 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk