

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

February Minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session February 21, 2023. Present were board members Diane Evans and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors:

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 –

Diane Evans presented that she spoke with Toni from Aqua and the PUCO was approached and they are requiring a stand-alone tariff for the Village of LaRue and then after 3 years the rates can be reevaluated. Also, Aqua believes the PUCO is going to expedite the process and it could take closer to 4 months instead of the estimated 6 months. Aqua would like to start holding public meetings in April.

Diane Evans brought up that two invoices were received from Access Engineering and they have a topographic survey and 80% of the preliminary design listed on the invoices. The Board wasn't aware that those two services were being completed at this time. The Board only requested a general plan for the project at this point. The total invoices are \$75,000. The Board will be investigating the invoices and more detail is needed. Also, the Board will be sending a letter to not to proceed based on the notification aqua submitting the application to the PUCO.

New Business –

Diane Evans reported that she spoke with Phil Wright regarding the issues with the pump station on Market Street. One of the pumps need to be replaced or repaired but the valve is not working. If both pumps would go down then the only way to move the material would be pumping the station out with a honey wagon. There is currently no back-flow installed. A quote for one option was received for \$34,000 to replace the pump and valve. Furthermore, a second and less expensive option would be to have someone come in from the pump manufacture that could try and work the valve and if it can be turned then the bad pump could be repaired. At this point the Board is waiting to decide once more information is gathered and all quotes are received. A motion was made by Doug Shawver to approve up to \$4,000 to have the valve exercised with a second by Dave Albert, motion passed. Once the quote is received for the second option then the board will review it.

Tyler Howell reported that a water break occurred on February 11th at 400 Section Street. There are some issues around town with valves that is making shutting the system down for repairs difficult.

Tyler Howell reported that he had to complete a lab certification process and everything was completed with no issues. At this point Rocky Lowe and Steve Kendall is not certified unless they go through the process.

Diane Evans would like OWDA contacted to find out what assets are tied to the OWDA loans.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Shawver.

Chairman

Clerk