

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

March Minutes

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

Visitors: John Boyd

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 he spoke with Rocky Lowe that he would need to complete the lab certification if he continues fulfilling the backup operator. Tyler Howell reported that he would like to take time off sometime in April and in July so Rocky needs to get certified to cover the plant.

OWDA was contacted and no specific assets are tied to the water loans.

Diane Evans presented that she contacted Toni from Aqua to get an update and he reported that he has not heard anything from the PUCO so he will be contacting them this week.

The Board agreed to pay the Access Engineering invoices totally \$75,000.

Diane Evans presented that she has spoken with Phil Wright and the pump stations have a valve design change that can now be installed. The valve on the High Street pump station was not able to be turned and Market Street pump station was able to be opened by Craun-Liebing Co. The total cost for the pump stations repairs is around \$49,000 now. Diane Evans made a motion to proceed with the Park Enterprise quote for the Market Street pump station project with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. The cost breakdown will be \$17,500 coming from the ARPA funds and the remaining to be paid from the sewer reserve fund.

The Board looked over the County's contract to figure out what they are required to complete when they are coming over for operation and maintenance. According to the Contract it looks like the board has to ask the County for additional tasks they want completed. The board would like the following done on the lift stations each time the County Sanitary comes over:

- The valves need to be exercised
- Oil checked and documented
- Oil to be changed based off the manufacture's specifications
- Appropriate safety equipment needs to be worn when anyone goes down in the pit.

New Business –

Tyler Howell reported that Aqua will be in town on 3/22/23 and they will be reviewing the acquisition take over plan.

The Board agreed to not charge late fees for the month of March because the post office had issues delivery utility bills this month.

Tyler Howell report the hydrant on River St has a slow leak so he tightened it up.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Shawver.

Chairman

Clerk