

## LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### July Minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session July 24, 2023. Present were board members Diane Evans, Dave Albert, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors:

**The financial report** – Dave Albert 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 Mayor Ford told him to not get a quote for the van's rocker panels.

The Board is still concerned with the AEP bill because the meter was inspected by AEP and nothing was found. The KWHs are still running high.

The two lift stations have all been assigned addresses so the generators can have Columbia Gas Service.

Tyler Howell reported that Aqua is coming multiple times per week to the plant. Aqua is planning on using Alloway for the testing.

Diane Evans reported that she would check with Phil Wright to check in on the pump station project.

Diane Evans is going to call around to investigate interest rates on CDs.

#### **New Business** –

The Board will be giving Rodney Lowe a 30-day notice that the Board will no longer be needing his services at the plant and he will be paid for the whole 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with a motion by Diane Evans and a second by Doug Shawver.

Diane Evans discussed with the board some decisions need to be made about billing for sewer and how the Board wants to proceed once Aqua takes over. The Board all agreed they felt customers should continue to be billed based on usage for sewer. A motion was made Diane Evans to recommend that the Board continue billing on usage with a report from Aqua with a second by Doug Shawver, motion passed. Mary Price will be contacting Aqua to find out when the monthly reading report will be available so the Board can discuss moving forward how bills will be processed.

Diane Evans wants to mail a letter to rental properties so the property owners are aware of the changes to the sewer. Outstanding sewer bills will be certified to taxes so property owners need to be aware. Mary Price is going to gather a list of rental properties so letters can be mailed.

Diane Evans brought that 131 Chestnut Street needs a letter because the garage along the alley needs to be billed per the variance that was granted back in August 2022. The garage behind the house is occupied and needs a separate bill from the house.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Shawver.

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Chairman

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Clerk