

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

September Minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session September 16, 2024. Present were board members Diane Evans and Doug Shawver. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell.

Visitors: Scott Ballenger

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 the contractor will be out to the lagoons to clean up the brush after the first frost.

Tyler Howell reported that the van got moved up one week to October 7th for auction.

Diane Evans reported that Mary Price contacted several billing software companies. The software that Marion County Sanitary uses is going cost way too much. The company that Richwood uses was contacted and more inline budget wise. The Board talked about going paperless

New Business –

Scott Ballenger was present to talk with the Board and give an update one year into operating the water infrastructure. The following report was given:

- 140 meters have been replaced in town and 12 more remote readers need to be installed
- Aqua wants to get a couple valves replaced before winter throughout town
- No new services over the past year
- One water main break reported
- Installed a clear well inlet valve
- Numerous metering pumps were replaced in the plant that weren't working
- Fixing issues with wells and they had to abandon well #3 and they have now drilled well #5
- The plant can now be monitored from Marion and a security system has been installed
- \$282,000 of improvements have been completed
- Last fall all the hydrants were flushed and they all worked. Next flushing will be the end of September or early October

Scott reported that Tyler Howell has been great to work with and Mary Price has been very responsive with correspondence.

Tyler Howell reported that the Market Street pump station hour meter is not reading and he has contacted Marion County Sanitary regarding the matter. The issue started on August 20th.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Shawver.

Chairman

Clerk