

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in regular session, August 26, 2021, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary. The zoom option was available as a convenience to citizens. All attendance is on-site unless noted. Present were Trustees: Terry Arentson, Randall Rees, David Tyrrel, Nella Seivert and Michelle Erickson. Absent: None. Staff Present: Kenneth Weber, Jennifer Kelly, Darwin Gessert and Jim Gedwillo. Guests: Bob Bjoin & Gene Gettys. Present via Zoom: Mike Anliker, Todd Valline, Troy Schaben and Mike Kolbe.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. in the HMU Boardroom by Chairperson Tyrrel.

Moved by Seivert, seconded by Rees, to approve the agenda. A conflict of interest exists on the Petersen Family Wellness Center Donation. Since Erickson is an employee of the hospital she will not vote.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Erickson, to approve the consent agenda which included: A) Approve Minutes of the Board Meetings of August 12, 2021; B) Abstract of Claims No. 1195 in the amount of \$779,066.78 and payment of same; and C) Upcoming Board Meetings of September 9 (electronic) and September 23, 2021 (Regular). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; Tyrrel – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Seivert, to approve the Letter of Recommendation and Notice of Award for the Pressure Filter No. 1 Repairs for the bid received from All Service Contracting in the amount of \$148,375.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; Tyrrel – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Request for Donation to the Petersen Family Wellness Center but lacked a motion. Tyrrel opposed the donation stating that this should be funded by private donations rather than ratepayer funds. Rees opposed the donation due to other non-budgeted expenses that have been incurred this year. Seivert, Arentson and Erickson were in favor of the donation. However, Erickson had a conflict of interest and was unable to vote if a motion had been made.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Seivert, to lift the Tier 1 Water Warning effective September 1. Weber stated that the community has done a great job conserving and water production is being maintained at manageable levels. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; Tyrrel – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational items only were as follows: Cahoy Pump Service Invoice in the amount of \$49,800.00 (Wells 4, 5 & 20); and McClure invoices totaling \$54,780.00 for Risk Assessment, Pressure Filter No. 1 repairs, Water System Expert Witness, and Raw Water System Evaluation.

Following the CEO's report, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON, David Tyrrel (*term 2023*)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON, Randall Rees (*term 2025*)

TRUSTEE, Nella Seivert (*term 2024*)

TRUSTEE, Terry Arentson (*term 2021*)

TRUSTEE, Michelle Erickson (*term 2022*)