



Grayson County Public Service Authority

P.O. Box 217, Independence, VA 24348

July 9, 2020

MEETING MINUTES Of the Public Service Authority

Members Present

John S. Fant
Kenneth R. Belton
Thomas R. Revels
Brenda R. Sutherland
Michael S. Hash

Staff Present

Mitchell L. Smith
Jeffrey Testerman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- Chair Fant called the meeting to order. Mr. Revels made the motion to approve the agenda and the April 9, 2020 minutes; duly seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS OR REQUESTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **County Water Bills** – Mr. Testerman updated the Board regarding the water bills. The Treasurer's office has inquired on when the county will return to enforcing delinquent payments. Mr. Testerman informed the Board that he has spoken with surrounding counties to see what their plans are and they are going to extend the cut-offs due to COVID-19. Mr. Testerman noted that as of today, the county's total delinquent accounts total approximately \$779. Mr. Testerman recommends extending the cut-offs for at least two (2) months – for August and September since the water bills have already been mailed out for July. Mr. Hash made the motion to extend the collection of water bills from May 1, 2020 through September 2020; duly seconded by Mr. Belton. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Smith noted the Treasurer's office has inquired about the interest and penalties.

Mr. Testerman stated that when the county does go back to cutting water service off, will the customer be required to pay the full amount one time before cutting service off or for example, can they pay the monthly bill plus 10% of the delinquent amount to keep their water service. Mr. Testerman recommends letting them pay their monthly bill plus 15% of delinquent amount. Mr. Smith recommends Mr. Testerman contact the other jurisdictions to see how they are handling the penalties and interest, then the PSA can meet in the next couple of months and decide how to proceed. Mr. Revels inquired as to why we are even considering penalties and interest if we are going to grant the extension and Mr. Testerman clarified it's the total past due amount where their service has not been cut-off for nonpayment – there is no interest added to their bill. The customers that were delinquent before COVID-19 hit, will have some penalties and interest showing on their account. Mr. Smith noted that from the time the PSA agreed (April – September) will be penalty and interest free. Mrs. Sutherland made the motion to table the decision on the interest and penalties with staff to do some more checking on this; duly seconded by Mr. Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATION AND UPDATES

- **CCR Reports, Sanitary Survey Report – Grant and Grant Water System Inspection:** Mr. Testerman noted everything is good with Grant and the only recommendation is to continue like we're doing, continue the cross-connection program, CCR Reports, continue to flush and to keep in touch with the Town of Troutdale when their chlorine gets low. The County is still doing the testing and submitting but because of COVID-19, the Town of Troutdale is not doing the field work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ADJOURN

- Mr. Revels made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded Mr. Hash. Motion carried 5-0.