



Grayson County Public Service Authority

P.O. Box 217, Independence, VA 24348

February 9, 2023

5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES Of the Public Service Authority

Members Present

Michael S. Hash
Kenneth R. Belton
R. Brantley Ivey
Tracy A. Anderson

Staff Present

Paul Hoyle

Members Absent

John S. Fant

Staff Absent

Mitchell L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hoyle called the meeting to order.

o Election of Officers for Chair/Vice Chair

Mr. Belton nominated Mr. Fant for Chair; duly seconded by Mr. Ivey. No other nominations. Mr. Anderson moved to close nominations; duly seconded by Mr. Hash. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Hash for Vice Chair; duly seconded by Mr. Ivey. No other nominations. Mr. Belton made the motion to close nominations; duly seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval for Chair and Vice Chair as proposed – Mr. Fant as Chair and Mr. Hash as Vice Chair – motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- o Mr. Ivey made the motion to approve the agenda/consent agenda; duly seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

PRESENTATION(S)

- o None

OLD BUSINESS

- ServLine Leak Insurance – Mr. Hoyle noted that this was discussed at a previous meeting and would like for the Authority to make a decision on whether to offer insurance to our customers or not – as small as our accounts are, Mr. Hoyle noted that we can do the same thing they can do without charging our customers – does cost the county in the time it takes to troubleshoot accounts – under our current system, when a forgiveness is given, which is done on a fairly regular basis, that means that the cost of that water would be a county cost – if under the ServLine protection, they would reimburse us for the lost cost – it would save us a huge amount of time – it would take the water tech out of the line of fire – if a complaint is received then ServLine would be dealing with it and not our water techs or the employees in the Treasurer’s office. Mr. Hoyle noted that his personal recommendation is it’s a good program, can opt out - no one is forced to do it. No cost to customer if they opt out; if they choose to remain opted in it’s an approximate \$2.25 per billing cycle – the customer would have up to 12 months to opt out. This is an optional program – customers would have to notify ServLine to opt out of the program. Mr. Hoyle noted that service line leaks on the customer’s side are smaller than the leaks on the county side. Mr. Hoyle noted that we have less than 500 water customers. Mr. Ivey noted that he's not a fan of the “opt out” program and noted to add the \$2.25-2.50 to the bill each month as a maintenance/service fee – Mr. Hoyle suggested if that’s something the Authority would like to do, he recommends delaying that because an increase is anticipated in the near future on water rates from the Galax system and the Troutdale system – the county only makes enough to maintain the Authority. The consensus of the Authority is to let things stand as is until we are notified of a rate increase. Mr. Hoyle also noted that we now have a system to track water losses now whereas we didn’t previously.
- Louisville Ln – Mr. Hoyle noted that he has been collecting signatures for the people impacted by the Louisville Ln extension – bringing water from Faith Dr, will extend water where there is already water coming down Fishers Gap-Faith Drive - 3 houses down – it’s only a 2” main which was paid by the citizens that wanted water. The Authority would be replacing the 2” main with a 6” main all the way down to Louisville Ln and branch off west on Louisville Ln to the end with a 6” main – there are approximately 16 properties affected – signatures for 8 of the properties have been acquired and have had conversations with several of the other property owners – 1 property owner we haven’t been able to connect with – up to this point all are positive regarding county water – currently there are neighbors taking care of neighbors but water on the wells are very limited. Mr. Hoyle noted he strongly encourages the Authority to move forward with the Louisville Ln extension and noted there increased interest in the area and the Fishers Gap down to Forest Ln would like to be considered for this project as well – approximately 12 properties – Ms. Davis who lives on Fishers Gap Rd has a petition with all the neighbors signing expect for 1 property owner. Mr. Zack Stockner should be attending the meeting this evening to express their interest. Mr. Hoyle noted that from his side along with the water tech’s side, would very much like to see this be included – it would also create a loop and remove the dead ends in the piping system which would create redundancy in

the system. Mr. Hoyle noted that he's been contacted by 1 property owner south of Forest Ln that would like to be considered. Mr. Hoyle noted that he still needs to gather some signatures (51% is needed to be eligible for the Health Department grants) – also would need to contact Hurt & Proffitt to update the engineering and see if the estimate would change and how much more cost would be involved. Consensus of the Authority is for Mr. Hoyle to move ahead and contact Hurt & Proffitt to do a revised estimate that would include Louisville Ln down to Forest Ln. Mr. Hoyle noted he would have that ready for the next PSA meeting and will have completed the canvassing of Louisville Ln as currently defined and will be able to present for a final action on that should the Authority chose not to include Forest Ln – should be able to make a recommendation for both at the next meeting.

New Business

- None

Updates

- None

Informational Items

- None

Registered Speaker(s) – Public Comment(s)

- Zack Stockner – didn't show up

ADJOURN

Mr. Hash made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded