2/27/25 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: Utility office at 1108 W. Front St. Board Room

In attendance:

Heber Springs Water Utility Commission

Commissioner Eddington

Commissioner Fall

Utility Manager: Paul Graham

Office Manager: Nikki Early

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Kasey Griffin, Heber Springs Mayor

**-Call to order by**: Commissioner Eddington Time: 9:01 a.m.

**-Motion to Approve Previous Month’s Minutes:** Commissioner Eddington made a motion to approve the reading of the previous month’s minutes, Commissioner Fall 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Checks $2,000 and over:** A question was asked about check # 50608.

**-Bond Spending Report:** Mrs. Early updated the Commission on the bond project spending stating that there is $1.314 million left in funds. See report.

**-Life Insurance for Employees-Policy 0080:** The Commission reviewed a policy allowing the Utility to purchase limited life and disability insurance for all full-time employees. Commissioner Eddington made a motion to APPROVE the request. Commissioner Fall 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Engineering Updates:** Mr. Graham updated the Commission on both the WWTP project and the WTP projects. Both are substantially complete with the WWTP being complete on March 29, 2025. Bugs are being worked out currently.

**-Manager’s Report:**

**Office**: There were a few bugs with the transition to the new type of bills. Audit is complete and it will be presented to the Council in March.

**Operations**: The Crews are working on material storage bins at the shop. They fixed a few minor leaks and had a couple of sewer stoppages. 11 manholes were coated by Midwest Infrastructure over the course of 2 days at a cost of approximately $23,000. This is a very good price compared to all other options. Endpoints for meters are in short supply due to warranty endpoints not arriving, so we are going to have to order 118 and settle with Henard later on the price.

**WTP**: There is a new employee at the plant, and he is doing good so far. The results of the EPA’s lithium study came back, however due to our raw water quality, our system was not any help in determining lithium removal as we do not have any in Greers Ferry Lake.

**WWTP/Lift Stations**: No issues other than the plant upgrade. There is a new employee hired, and he is still in probationary period.

**Other:** The Commissioners toured the Water Treatment Plant after the meeting to see the new upgrades.

**Adjourn:** Motion by: Commissioner Eddington 2nd by: Commissioner Fall at 9:47 am to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

THE HEBER SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

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