2-23-23 9:00 A.M.

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

In attendance:

Heber Springs Water Utility Commission

Commissioner Burt Eddington

Commissioner Greg Holland

Utility Manager: Paul Graham

Office Manager: Nikki Wilson

Additional Attendees:

Kasey Griffin, Mayor of City of Heber Springs

Bethany Pardue, FAB&T

**-Call to order by**: Commissioner Eddington Time: 9:00 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 Holland 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Review checks over $2,000.00-** No questions were asked.

**-Bond Spending Report:** Ms. Wilson informed the Commission on the current totals Bond spending. Currently, $450,000 has been spent on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and $125,000 on the Water Treatment Plant membrane project. $7.8 million left in funds.

**Current Business:**

**-ICS & CDARS:** Bethany Pardue with FAB&T discussed the opportunity for the utility to get away from pledged securities and go to FDIC covered ICS and CDARS options. The Commission had a few questions that they wanted answers to before committing such as bond and audit concerns.

**-Engineering Updates:** Mr. Graham updated the Commission on the wastewater plant upgrades as well as the water treatment plant upgrades.

**-Manager’s Update on construction crews, etc.:** Mr. Graham informed the Commission that the audit is complete and available, there may be a variance request coming concerning a piece of property on N. 9th, the office is seeking to fill a clerk position due to Linda Fletcher going part time in May, and that ARWA has completed the required rate study to obtain the $5 million in ARPA funding.

Mr. Graham also updated the Commission concerning water and sewer construction jobs, the purchase and arrival of a new mini track, working with Hawkins-Weir to decommission the surface aerators at the wastewater plant and sell them, tank cleanings, and the purchase of a new Muffin Monster.

**Adjourn:** Motion by: Commissioner Eddington 2nd by: Commissioner Holland at 10:36 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

THE HEBER SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Commissioner Burt Eddington \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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