

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25,2024, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning
Jacob Eighner
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
Tony Whidden
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk (absent)
Melissa Arnold, Deputy Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
June Fisher, County Manager
Al Brown, Operator

ROLL CALL: Given By Whidden.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Sapp and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Stanley.

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Arnold states I have two invoices, one from Al Brown and Mater Electric Motors that did not make it on the bill submitted list so I will have to change the amount to \$44,460.32.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 26, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: By Beck to approve the February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Stanley motion carried.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CAS & ASSOCIATES FOR SEWER RATE STUDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,400.00:

Tibbs states at the January 22nd meeting there was a discussion about the section 2.01 the interlocal agreement that states rates and fees should be sufficient the cost of operating and maintaining the sewer system while also allowing reasonable repair and replacement reserves. the last couple of years we have had some increased expenses that have been paid out of current revenue. we have not had any sewer increase in a long time, so this is to allow them to prepare a rate study.

MOTION: By Browning to approve the proposal for engineering services with CAS & Associates for the sewer rate study on the amount of \$17,400.00, seconded by Beck motion carried.

Whidden states the membrane had to be replaced what was the life we got out of those.

Brown states the life expectancy is 8- to 10 years and we got about 14 years out of them. we just got the last ones replaced about 2 years ago.

ITEM 5: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:

Brown states I would like to report out at the training center lift station, they went to pull one of the pumps and the cable on it broke, they did not get it out they are working on it. we still have one pump in there functioning. We did have a blower motor fail last week at the wastewater plant. It was an emergency because it did shut down phase 1, I did not know the other blower motor was bad until van told me. We had to go with mater to have two motors brought in, we got them installed the next day and got them going, they were the original motors.

ITEM 6: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Miller states I talked to Go Underground they expect to be back in April, the structure should be getting done here in a couple weeks, they are preparing their drill rig to go under the river.

Vanassche states its quarterly report time, and April states a new quarter so possibly by the next quarter they could be done with drilling under the river.

Miller states yes.

ITEM 7: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

Vanassche states we did get funding not exactly everything we wanted. We did get 50% funding for the wastewater treatment plant expansion project it's a little over \$2.5 million. The water quality grant program will be opening back up on July, so we will have another opportunity to go after the remaining amount. The other project we did receive funding for is Phase 6 septic to sewer we got 1.25 million. We do have a payment request under way for the U.S 27 and then I will work on the quarterly report for it, I will be sending quarterly report drafts.

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 9: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 10: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

NONE.

ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,460.32:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$44,460.32, seconded by motion carries.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Sapp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beck motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Tony Whidden, Vice Chairman