

Patrick County Public Service Authority

Meeting of March 14, 2006

Present: Bob Pendleton, Chairman; Garland Cockram, Vice-Chairman; Rodney Kendrick, Secretary; Darrell Worley; Arthur Boyd; Jonathan Large

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator; Lisa Sheppard, Administrative Assistant; Jamie Clark, WHEO; W.E. Stanley

A meeting of the Patrick County Public Service Authority was held on March 14, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building.

Mr. Bob Pendleton, Chairman, called the meeting to order. The agenda for this meeting was presented to the members. Upon motion of Mr. Garland Cockram and seconded by Mr. Rodney Kendrick, the agenda was approved. The minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Motioned by Mr. Cockram and seconded by Mr. Kendrick, the minutes were approved.

Voting Aye: All
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Michael Burnette updated the members on the Patrick Spring Water/Sewer Project and stated that the Board of Supervisors approved the motion to proceed with the project, without requiring mandatory connection of eligible citizens. He also advised that since the County and Town have reached an agreement in principle on the annexation settlement, the Authority is able to move forward with the project.

Mr. Burnette indicated that the current goal is to obtain user agreements from the residents who would like to connect to public water and sewer service in the Patrick Springs and west of Stuart areas. He also stated that the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) will need to be updated. On March 10th, user agreements were mailed to residents in these areas. A sample copy of the water user agreement and sewer user agreement were presented to the members, along with a copy of the Key Points which outline requirements and rate information. He stated that anyone interested in connecting to the system would be required to return the user agreement, along with initialed copy of the Key Points, to his office by March 24th in order to submit them to United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Office by March 31st.

Mr. Burnette advised the members of the necessity of obtaining organizational documents for the purpose of properly forming the Patrick County Public Service Authority. He further stated that he had contacted an attorney to obtain an estimate for the formation of the Authority.

Mr. Burnette summarized that, with regards to the Patrick Springs Water Sewer Project, the user agreements will need to be returned, the PER updated, and the organizational documents returned by the end of March. Once Rural Development receives the user agreements and the PER, the review process will begin.

Mr. Pendleton inquired as to the status of the project in the event that user agreements were not returned. Mr. Burnette indicated that the success of the project will depend on whether enough residents sign up for the utilities and that it is imperative to obtain as many customers as possible to lessen the project shortfall. Mr. Pendleton indicated that notices should be publicized with the media to increase awareness of the project. It was discussed that by publicizing this project, the Authority will learn of other communities interested in obtaining public water and sewer utilities in the future.

Mr. Large stated the County, Town and citizens all need to work together to get this project completed because the grant application process is becoming increasingly difficult.

Mr. Burnette requested that the members thoroughly review the user agreements and key points and to inform him of any changes or questions regarding the documents. He further encouraged the members to speak with residents in the Patrick Springs and West of Stuart areas concerning the importance of returning these documents in a timely manner.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cockram made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adjourn.

Chairman

Date