

## MINUTES

### October 9, 2001 Board Meeting

A quorum was established and the meeting was *called to order* at 1:20pm by Chairman BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson.

Board members in attendance were Brian Earls, Kitty Shields and BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson.

Guests present were Dick Nored and Neal Russell.

Brian moved that the *minutes of the September 11, 2001 meeting be approved* as presented. Kitty seconded. Motion carried.

*Treasurer's report* was read and approved.

Neal said he was at the meeting to find out the status of the water project. BarbeAnn explained that we are being held up by issues relating to proper and timely filing of formation paperwork. We are looking at several months before that is resolved and the Ordinances required by RUS get processed so we can go to bid.

Discussion of the LIGI water system purchase was held. Neal said that he does not represent LIGI's position but as a member of their board, he answered questions regarding location of lines and costs of portions of the system. Dick handed out a breakdown of the LIGI system cost (copy attached). He said that the costs are lower than we could build for. Result of discussion was that although the purchase price is reasonable, we will not know our ability to pay for their system until we have opened bids and see what it will cost to construct the rest of the district system. Board directed Sherry to send a letter to LIGI saying we intend to purchase the system but are unable to commit to how the terms of purchase will be arranged until we know our construction costs.

Sherry reported on the status of our formation issues, which are holding up progress on the RUS checklist. Bond counsel is unwilling to proceed until the issued is resolved, and general counsel recommends that we do not proceed with passing of ordinances until it is resolved. Dick said he knows the Secretary of State and will contact him if he declines to rule on the status of our formation. He will ask for a ruling, explaining the cost of delay. Hopefully, we can avoid the wait of going to circuit court.

Dick was discussing the options related to our inability to obtain an easement from Nancy Thurston. Neal said that Dick Strangland owns the adjacent property with a strip that would accommodate the loop in the line from Huntington to Coach Road. Dick Nored offered to contact Mr. Strangland about obtaining an easement in exchange for placing a fire hydrant there. This will benefit Strangland's new building on the site.

Kitty made a motion that we have Dick Nored contact Dick Strangland on our behalf to offer placement of a fire hydrant on the property in exchange for the easement we need to eliminate the problem caused by refusal of Thurston to grant an easement. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Most board members had not had a chance to go over the Rules and Regulations Ordinance. Discussion deferred until the next meeting. Sherry pointed out that the mandatory hook-up section allowed one year from date of notification. Members said that is unworkable as far as income. They requested Sherry have the attorney change it to 60 days.

Dick said he contacted several other districts about what they charge for stand by fire rates. The most common method is to charge monthly minimum for one EDU plus metered use. Sherry will have the attorney add that to our rate Resolution.

Dick handed out the cost projections for our construction project that Kitty had requested. He had totals only, will get the breakdown to us before the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Evertson