

Floyd-Floyd County PSA
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting
March 14, 2024

Chairman Mike Maslaney called the Thursday March 14, 2024, meeting of the Floyd-Floyd County PSA to order at 5:35pm. In attendance was Vice Chairman Will Griffin, Director Bruce Turner, Director Rick Parrish, Director Linda DeVito, Director Kalinda Bechtold, and Director Trent Cox. Others in attendance were Clerk Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Attorney Janet Murrell, and Engineer Matt Gross.

Chairman Mike Maslaney wanted to welcome Director Kalinda to the PSA board who is replacing Jerry Boothe for the remainder of his term. We hated to lose Jerry Boothe as he retained much information. With that there is an opening for our finance committee as we would like to have a representative from the Town/County. Chairman Mike Maslaney asked Linda DeVito would she be interested. Director Linda DeVito said she would be happy to take that seat, so Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to make Director Linda DeVito part of the PSA finance committee. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked everyone to look over the February minutes and the Special Meeting that we had a couple weeks ago. Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion for approval of the February 8th meeting. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Will Griffin. Roll call members replying yes, with Director Linda DeVito, Director Kalinda Bechtold, and Director Trent Cox abstaining. Motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked everyone to look over the Special Meeting Minutes from February 26th. Director Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Director Linda DeVito, to approve the Special meeting minutes. Roll call of members replying yes, except Director Kalinda Bechtold abstaining. Motion passed.

Clerk Teresa Conner went over the February account payables. Clerk Teresa Conner stated that on the back you will see an amount for Signature Designs which I will be going over in a little bit. Vice Chairman Will Griffin asked Clerk Teresa Conner if she was a notary now. Clerk Teresa Conner replied yes, she was. Director Linda DeVito asked was AEP amount high. Clerk Teresa Conner said yes, and what happened was we mailed January out before the due date; however, the mail did not get to them in time and then they billed February which we then over paid so the last set of AEP bills there were plenty that were \$0.00 owed. Vice Chairman Will Griffin asked who got drug tested. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said it was him and that is randomly picked by the company that does them every quarter. We do them quarterly because of the employees driving the work truck and liability. Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion to approve the February account payables. Director Bruce Turner made a motion seconded by Director Linda

DeVito to approve the February account payables. Roll call of members replying yes. Motion passed.

Clerk Teresa Conner went over the financials as we have been under since the beginning of fiscal year due to the timing of the rate increase. Expenses are over but we have a lot to pay out in the last couple of months. Clerk Teresa Conner said the ARPA funds down below show what was approved by the BOS in February to move that money towards, the Towns funds for Slaughter's pump station giving a total of County funds to \$520,240.53, the Town funds \$177,000 for a grand total of ARPA funds of \$697,240.53. Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion for approval of the financials. Director Rick Parrish made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox, to approve the February financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Clerk Teresa Conner said delinquents are down this month.

Clerk Teresa Conner went over the pie charts in their packet. A few years ago, we did this showing what the Town portion is and what the County portion is. This is updated in respect to showing all of 2023 usage billed. The top orange part represents the Town, and the blue represents County. Below shows what County Commercial and Residential is and then the Town Commercial and Residential. Director Linda DeVito asked could we visit this in 6 months for just a month. Clerk Teresa Conner said yes would look at doing one in August time frame.

Clerk Teresa Conner said the last thing she has on the website. Chairman Mike Maslaney said we got beat up a few weeks ago on social media about the breaks we had and that there was a rumor going around that customers had to boil their water which was not the case. We have talked over the months about having a website and we decided that we will move forward with one. Clerk Teresa Conner pulled up on the screen going over the tabs, news and announcements, Test results (we will be adding the steps how to find ours). Director Trent Cox asked could you just search Floyd County, Clerk Teresa Conner said it will just pull everyone in the County, so if you just want the PSA you will need to click on the lab we use and Floyd. Documents have the CCR reports and then the 2 newsletters we sent out and then the Board Appointees. Director Rick Parrish asked if we were going to send these to the County and Town to post. Clerk Teresa Conner said yes, she can. Vice Chairman Will Griffin asked can we post our audit report. Clerk Teresa Conner said yes. Attorney Janet Murrell asked about the board minutes being posted. Chairman Mike Maslaney yes, we can. Director Linda DeVito said how do we about making going the public aware. Clerk Teresa Conner said there is a place on the bills when we send out that will show the website to use.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said he was moving to his report. We got the VRA letter which confirms the increase from \$501k to \$600k. This is what the special meeting last month was for. Then you can see we received an email from Robert Hilt stating we have made it through the parity consent process which is what we have been waiting on. Engineer Matt Gross said he has sent that to VDH asking for the loan to be closed so we can get started.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said the next thing with respect to the ARPA funds, couple a weeks ago at the BOS, Linda Millsaps sent me a redo of the agreement that was originally signed by Director Bruce Turner several years ago when the ARPA funds were given to the PSA. Linda Millsaps wanted us to look over it and any changes that need to be made send over for their review, Chairman Mike Maslaney said we had a few changes and after talking with Attorney Janet Murrell. Clerk Teresa Conner said where there is red its an addition, if there is a strike out then red that is what we are asking it to be replaces with and then on #6 there was not a B) so we added that. Director Rick Parrish said bourn is spelled borne need to change that. Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion to approve this amended agreement and send to Linda Millsaps with Chairman Mike Maslaney signature. Director Trent Cox made that motion, seconded by Director Linda DeVito. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said we are going to be having a lot of paperwork come through that needs to be signed. I am going to ask to give Superintendent Patrick Nicola the authority to sign documents related to this grant. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Linda DeVito to approve Superintendent Patrick Nicola authority to sign grant documents. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed. Director Linda DeVito said that needs to be sent over to the grantors on a piece of paper stating this as she feels that is what it needs to be. Cross all T's dot I's.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said we got the shift of the ARPA funds at the last BOS meeting therefore we are ready to bid Nursing Home, the papers are there on the desk and we would like to start the bid process on April 1st. He asked that Engineer Matt Gross walk through the steps. Engineer Matt Gross said advertise it, allow 30days bidding period and about 2 weeks before have a Prebid conference with contractors. If we start April 1st we can open bids May 2. After that we are looking to bid Slaughters Pump Station. Director Kalinda Bechtold said she had some questions since the BOS meeting. Director Bechtold said that to her understanding the Nursing Home needs a macerator. Engineer Matt Gross said we are replacing the existing suction lift pumps with submersible grinder pumps which will shred as it pumps. Director Kalinda Bechtold said she is assuming that this pump station serves only the nursing home. Engineer Matt Gross said no. Director Kalinda Bechtold said if the nursing home is causing the issue by flushing wipes and rags, is there a way to put a trap at their sewer line before it connects to the PSA line, so they are responsible for the debris. Engineer Matt Gross said it serves Hillcrest, Reginal Commerce Center. Engineer Matt Gross said you can put a screen in the influent line, Director Kalinda Bechtold said there is a way where their debris line comes into the PSA line therefore that way you stop their debris getting in our line which is causing us more expense. Engineer Matt Gross said the decision was made to put a grinder pump station in to take care of that cause others can be using the flushable wipes. Director Kalinda Bechtold said if you can isolate where it is coming from then the person causing it is responsible for the cost of the clearing the damage to the line. Engineer Matt Gross said the reason for replacing this pump station is due to the age of it more so than the damage that is being flushed. Director Kalinda Bechtold said that Chairman Mike Maslaney mentioned Nursing home flushing a lot of rags and wipes causing damage saying if that is the

case then you need to make them pay for the damage by isolating the cause. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he guessed we could make them install a screen and maintain it. Director Kalinda Bechtold said then all Commercial accounts going forward have to do the same thing. Chairman Mike Maslaney said that might be a problem, but we do require a mixing tank required on commercial account. Director Trent Cox said he does not guess Nursing Home has a grease interceptor, which the reply was no they do not. Director Trent Cox said that would be an easier way. Chairman Mike Maslaney said we can study it and she has a valid point. Director Kalinda Bechtold said as it gets more expansion, and you are the one flushing the wipes then it should be on them.

Chairman would like a motion to approve going to bid on the pump stations. Director Linda DeVito made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve going to bid on April 1st for Nursing Home Pump Station and May 1st for Slaughters Pump Station. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said he received an email about the Reginal Commission helping the County out with their Comprehensive plan and a question about our system diagrams, they are under password protection and after discussing with several people I don't think it's a good idea to put our system in the Comprehensive Plan. We have discussed putting some shading in without showing our exact location of everything.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said himself, Patrick and Teresa sat down and did a first-round budget and would like to get together with the finance committee before the next meeting. Also, every year I write a letter to the BOS & Town asking for them to help us generously if they can so we can try to keep rates under control. The Town has been particularly good, and the County has been deferring our loan, so I wanted to ask especially the BOS and in January Jerry Boothe called me and said I do not know if you should write the letter. Since he is not here, I am asking Director Linda DeVito and Director Kalinda Bechtold can they forgive the payments or the loan. Our auditor asked why we are doing this as makes no sense. Director Linda DeVito said it is slim pickings right now.

Attorney Janet Murrell did not have anything to report.

Superintendent Report:

1. Water Line Break Feb 8th:

At 9:30 the Sheriff's office called to notify us of a main line water break located at the entrance of Chestnut Springs. After arriving on site, we determined the leak was coming from under the asphalt. Justin's crew, Devin and I worked through the night and the water repair was completed by the next morning. We lost approximately 100,000 gallons of water between the break and flushing. Unfortunately, because of the break and increased flow in the system it did cause some discoloration of the water. A few customers called with concerns, we explained what had happened and it was disrupted sediment that was causing the color, and it would take a day or so to return to normal. (see attached pie's)

2. Water Line Break Feb 16th:

At approximately 1pm we received a call about a main line break on 221, in the curve above Floyd Vapes. As soon as work was able to begin Justin's crew, Devin, Dillion, and Matthew worked on the leak through the evening completing the repair and flushing the system. The water disruption was not as severe as the previous week, losing just over half the amount of water between the break and flushing. Thankfully because of that, the system was able to flush clear quickly that night. (see attached pie's)

3. Drying Bed:

Sludge not drying but instead holding water. We first ordered some drain pavers and put them down with sand on top only doing a small section of the drying bed to see how it would work. It did help but unfortunately the movement of the skid steer or backhoe was damaging the pavers. We then came up with another idea of using plastic pallets. By putting down the pallet, filling it with pea gravel and topping it off with sand it allows the water to drain out of the sludge. After doing a small area and monitoring it for a few days it was working so we continued covering the entire drying bed floor. We hope this will eliminate the water retention issue. If it does not, we may need to consider covering the drying bed. Director Rick Parrish asked what a cover would cost. Clerk Teresa Conner said she remembers when Engineer Matt Gross was over 100k. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he has looked at metal sheds 42*22*14 for around \$8-9k. Engineer Matt Gross said it depends if you are looking for an engineer structure. The official flood plain for Floyd County ends at the bridge. A detailed analysis has not been done for that area based on current Floyd County regulations you can do whatever you want. However, water has gotten over the creek

so need to decide what all you want roof, sides etc. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said could you anchor it down or is the concern a tree. Engineer Matt Gross said we can look at the engineering and raise the wall.

4. Overflow at Kerry's:

The line entering Slaughters Pump Station from the Moose Lodge backed up causing an overflow into Kerry's building. We called Montgomery Sanitation to come out and jet the line, after which point we cleaned up the building. To prevent this from happening again until we can update the Slaughters Pump Station, we installed a Backwater Valve into the lateral entering the building. We also discovered a cleanout located at the rear corner of the building.

5. Updates/Notes:

- Easter/Good Friday Holiday
- Attached are Water Loss and Sewer flow I&I Percentage's

February 2024

Water Produced== 129,134 Gallons Per Day

Water Billed == 109,172 Gallons Per Day

Water Loss Percentage == 15.5 %

Sewer Flows== 134,552 Gallon Per Day

Sewer Flow I&I Percentage == 4 %

Engineer Report:

1. VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects

VDH has concurred in the Award of all three projects to Bowman Griffin General Contractors. The Contractor is in the process of returning the bonds, agreements, and insurance for all three projects.

2. Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement

The plans are complete for this project and have been submitted to PSA for final review. Bidding documents will be prepared for advertisement.

3. LSL Inventory

Work will commence on this project once the grant offer has been finalized. This project is ready to proceed on confirmation of funding availability.

4. Additional Well Drilling

The VDH planning grant has been submitted.

5. Slaughters Pump Station

The permit has been renewed for this project.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said he wanted to circle back to the VDH loans and the ok for parity which means the contract will be coming, so do you want me to go ahead and sign or do you want to hold a special meeting. Director Rick Parrish made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox to approve Chairman Mike Maslaney to sign the loan contract when it is sent over. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion seconded by Director Trent Cox to adjourn. All replied yes motion passed.