

ARCOLA/TUSCOLA JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING

May 31, 2018

Drew Hoel called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at Tuscola City Hall. Roll call: Tuscola –Troy Rund, Alan Shoemaker, Drew Hoel; Arcola – Terry Foran, John Guyot, Ed Fidler, Bill Wagoner. Also present were Alta Long and Mark Smith.

Proof of Notice of Special Meeting: Drew Hoel entered the certified meeting notice for the Joint Water Agency on behalf of the Tuscola City Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Scope, Amount and Causes of Billing Error Involving West Prairie Water Company: Alta reported that after extensive review by Tuscola and Arcola, there was a consensus that the amount in error was approximately \$168,500.

Review and Approval of Proposal(s) for Accounting Services to Review Amount of Billing Error: Alta reported that an RFP including the scope of work was drafted to have an independent auditor review the billing error involving West Prairie to ensure an accurate accounting on behalf of the Joint Water Agency. Proposals were submitted to several local accounting firms. After review, some firms were disqualified as they had previously worked for the City of Tuscola, Arcola or West Prairie Water Company. Two firms declined citing their heavy work schedule. At the end, the sole respondent was May, Cocagne and King, a CPA firm from Decatur. Their proposal included charges of \$160 an hour not to exceed \$3,200. A motion was made by Rund to hire May, Cocagne and King for accounting services. Second was made by Guyot with all approving.

Request to Extend Water Service to Marty and Terri Hildreth: Hoel reviewed that the Board had previously established a 300 foot policy for residential taps on the Joint Agency main. After reviewing the matter again with Illinois American and the Illinois EPA, Hoel advised that the policy was reasonable. The pressure over an extended run for a residential service can be overcome, but there are issues with stagnation resulting in potentially unsafe supply. A motion was made by Shoemaker to deny the tap request. Second was made by Foran with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Arcola City Hall. Motion by Shoemaker, second by Foran to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Wagoner