The Utilities Board of The Town of Cedar Bluff

September 5, 2023

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHEROKEE COUNTY

The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff met for a special business meeting Thursday, September 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at 4971 Alabama HWY 68, Cedar Bluff Alabama 35959. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mattie Williams.

Roll Call:

Allen Baker Present Jack Bond Absent

Linda Pickelsimer Present Mattie Williams Present

William Warren Present

Chairman Willaims stated the reason for the special meeting was to discuss purchasing a new excavator and the Board needed to be aware of the dollar amount. Manager Steven Dutton addressed the Board concerning the issues with the old excavator and presented three estimates for John Deer and Bobcat excavators. After some discussion, the Board decided to purchase the E42 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator. Chairman Williams asked about the warranty on the equipment. Manager Dutton replied it had either a 2 year or a 2000-hour warranty, whichever occurs first. He also suggested having the new excavator insured. Board Member Pickelsimer stated the equipment would fall under Commercial Inland Marine Coverage. Board Member Baker made a motion to purchase the E42 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator for $61,496.56, Board Member Warren seconded the motion. Board Member Pickelsimer asked if there should be addendum to the motion to put the older equipment on the surplus list. The Board decided to table any further discussion about the older equipment until the next business meeting.

Motion Carried (4-0)

Aye: Baker, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Board Member Pickelsimer suggested paying Terry White for the usage of his Bobcat excavator at a one-day rate. Board Member Warren suggested contacting Southeastern Rentals and a couple other rental companies to determine their one-day rental rates for the use of a Bobcat excavator. Manager Dutton stated Mr. White normally charges the cost of refueling his excavator. Board Member Pickelsimer made a motion to pay Terry White for the usage of his bobcat excavator at a one-day rate and to refuel his excavator, Board Member Warran seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried (4-0)

Aye: Baker, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Chairman Williams addressed the Board concerning the ADEM Form 340 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant. The grant was awarded to The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff in the amount of $527,150. She reminded the Board that they had voted to decline the grant because the matching funds of $200,000 were not available. She also stated John Hyatt, a representative of the Bluffs, had addressed the Board during a previous meeting stating they could give $100,000 to help with the matching funds. The Board had also discussed during a previous meeting having the Bluffs pay more of the matching funds.

Chairman Williams stated that Manager Dutton and herself had a phone meeting with Cade Runyan, a representative of ADEM, to discuss the ADEM Form 340: Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant that was awarded to the Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff. During the meeting with Mr. Runyan, he stated it did not matter which project was started first. He also stated if a project was not completed, if the grant money was depleted the Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff would not be penalized. Chairman Williams then stated there may not be enough grant money to do both projects. She also stated ADEM would need an answer soon as to if the grant was accepted or rejected.

Chairman Williams asked Board Member Linda if she could go over the financials before the next business meeting to determine if the matching funds were available to accept the grant. After some discussion on the ADEM Form 340: Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant the Board decided to table any further discussion until the next business meeting.

Chairman Williams reminded the Board they will be discussing the raising rates for water and sewer cost at the next board meeting. Board Member Pickelsimer asked Office Manger Joshua Bolton to call Alabama Rural Water Association to do a rate study to ascertain if rate increase is needed. She also asked Office Manager Bolton to contact AMIC to have the new excavator insured.

Board Member Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Warren seconded.

Metting adjourned at 4:43

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Mattie Williams, Chairman Date

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Joshua Bolton, Secretary Date