

**WEIRTON AREA WATER BOARD
REGULAR SESSION- 2024 AGENDA**

July 11, 2024

A regular session of the Weirton Area Water Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, in Room 201 of the City Building, by Ron Jones, Chairman.

Members in attendance were Ron Jones; Don Gianni, Jr.; Jim Shockley; Rocky Bragg; George Ash, Sr. (phone); and Bill Visnic, ex-officio member.

WAWB Staff present were Butch Mastrantoni; Jasen Havens; Lori Veltri; Brent Reckner; Chuck Tenaglio; and Dan Guida.

Also attending were Jesse Alden and Chuck Kelly of Thrasher Engineering; Ben Erste and Carlo Fabian of the BHJ; and Craig Howell of the Weirton Daily Times.

Mr. Jones asked for a motion to move the Citizens Comments and Communications to the start of the meeting. Mr. Ash made the motion and Mr. Bragg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones stated that they had an award to present, and he wanted to be here for it because he thought it was an honor. He called Mr. Bragg and Mr. Alden to come to the front. Mr. Jones stated that he had to leave after the award presentation, and Mr. Shockley would be running the meeting. Mr. Jones would be attending the remainder of the meeting by phone.

Mr. Bragg stated that since May, he has been Chairman of the WV Chapter of the AWWA. Mr. Alden is Vice Chair. At their conference in May, they gave out awards to some very accomplished people in the industry in WV. One of those awards was the George Warren Fuller Award. It is the most distinguished award given out per state. It is given at the state level to an individual for distinguished service in the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership which characterizes the life of George Warren Fuller. The recipient of the award for the WV Chapter of the AWWA is Utilities Director A.D. "Butch" Mastrantoni. Board members were called to the front to take a photo for the newspaper.

Mr. Jones left, and Mr. Shockley continued with the meeting. Mr. Shockley asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the WV PSC Revenue Assessment for water in the amount of \$14,446.00. Mr. Bragg made the motion to add the item to the agenda. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Administrative Report – With no discussion from Board members regarding the Administrative Report, the report was approved as submitted.

Finance Report: Mr. Havens reviewed the finance report, which was included in the Board packet, in the absence of Mr. Kuntz. Mr. Bragg made a motion to reimburse the General Fund for the Smart Bill for June 2024 in the amount of \$2,880.75. Mr. Gianni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Delinquent Report: Mr. Reckner gave the delinquent report. The shut off date for the May 2024 bill run was July 3, 2024. The 30-day cycle ends on August 2, 2024. Total accounts to be collected or terminated on or after the July 3, 2024, shut off date were 1,230. Of this number, 217 were more than one bill past due, 32 have paid in full, 10 made partial payments and still have an outstanding past due balance, 17 have been shut off, 70 received time extensions and will be collected in regular procedure should they fail to pay as agreed, 7 customers received pledges, and 4 customers are under multi-payment contracts. Nine hundred thirty bills are past due.

Citizens Comments and Communications: There were no citizens' comments or communications.

Utility Director Communications: Mr. Mastrantoni expressed his thanks for the AWWA award.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the WTP Expansion Project – Mr. Alden introduced Chuck Kelly from Thrasher. He is their construction manager, and he will be assisting with the project. Once they conduct the pre-construction meeting, he will be involved throughout the duration making sure that things are coordinated with the contractor and that everybody is on the same page. He will be attending meetings here as well to keep the Board updated on the project. Mr. Alden reported that they officially closed on the financing for the project and have contracts signed as of June 26. They did not have a pre-construction meeting on that day because the contractor was not ready to get started yet. It is scheduled for Wednesday,

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July 17, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 201 at the Weirton City Building with Triton Construction, Thrasher, staff from the Water Board, and officials from the city attending. That meeting will be to kick off the project and discuss how Triton will get mobilized on the site to get started. After this initial meeting, they will plan monthly construction progress meetings after the Water Board meetings, probably at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kelly will be scheduling weekly meetings with the contractor to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Erste had nothing to report. The closing went off without a hitch. That consisted of Draw #1, which was approved at last month's meeting. There is no draw this month. Draw #2 will be next month.

Mr. Mastrantoni reported that the tentative date for the groundbreaking ceremony at the Water Treatment Plant is August 20 at 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution #250 –Approval of Payout #3 to the James White Construction Company for the 2” Galvanized Line Replacement Project for Emma and Laverne Streets in the Amount of \$83,457.70 to be Taken from Special Projects** –Mr. Gianni left the meeting. Mr. Havens reported that these streets are now complete, and they are working on putting blacktop down. This will be the last payout for work done. There will be one more payout for them to request the 5% retainage that was held for the project. Mr. Bragg made a motion to approve Resolution #250 in the amount of \$83,457.70. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gianni returned to the meeting. Mr. Gianni returned to the meeting.
- 2. Next Meeting Date** – August 15, 2024
- 3. PSC Intrastate Revenue Assessment** – Mr. Mastrantoni stated that this is our yearly assessment to the Public Service Commission. The amount is based on our reported revenue. Mr. Gianni made a motion to approve the Intrastate Revenue Assessment by the PSC in the amount of \$14,446.00. Mr. Ash seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4.** Mr. Ash added that Mr. Jones told him that he should have brought up at last month's meeting as an add on to the agenda to form a nominating committee for Board officers. He wanted to get the committee together now. Nominations will not take place until the August meeting. Mr. Shockley asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda for a nominating committee to meet for the election of officers, which will come at the August or September meeting. Mr. Gianni made

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the motion to add the item to the agenda. Mr. Bragg seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ash stated that he would call at least one more person to be on the committee with him.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before this July 11, 2024, Regular Session of the Weirton Area Water Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Ash. The next Regular Session of the Weirton Area Water Board was set for August 15, 2024.



Ron Jones, Chairman