

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
June 2019 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session June 24, 2019. Present were board members Wendy Crabtree and Doug Shawver. Also present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Tyler Howell. Visitors: Connie Kendall and Oscar Holcomb.

The regular meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Wendy Crabtree and second by Doug Shawver.

The financial report - was given and bills presented for payment. Doug Shawver moved to pay the bills and seconded by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Complaints – None

Old Business-

Hydrant at Kiwanis has not been completed with the ground still being so wet.

New Business –

Yearly visit from the EPA and it went pretty good with the following items to address:

1. Orthophosphate is now running again at the plant because when Dale was present he stopped using it.
2. Contingency plan needs a check list when it is utilized.
3. Public education needs to be sent out periodically with a survey every 5 years that can be mailed with the bills.
4. Ridgway Hatchery needs to provide documentation that they have completed backflow device check each year.
5. The wells need dirt replaced when it is washed away from high water.
6. They would like to have more people to learn how to operate the plant like the elected officials.

Recommendations:

1. Source water protection specialist to implement a source water protection.
2. Media check in the sand filters.
3. More formal plan of meter replacement.
4. Develop a formal written system for customer complaints.
5. Consider getting leak detection equipment or contracting with an outside firm.
6. Asset management program and they want it updated with everything we own listed.
7. Perform a study for corrosion control.
8. Utilize the bylaws to enforce the rules like the Hatchery with the backflow check.

Oscar Holcomb wanted to know when the hay fields at the lagoons and water plant will be bid out again and the Board reported that it will be next year at this time that it will be bid out again.

Scott Jaffee was present to discuss the draft design proposal for the water tower project. The survey was the only item that was up in the air but everything else at this point is nailed down with the cost. GPD at this point has the design proposal estimated at \$78,424. The Board plans on getting a 0% loan through Ohio EPA for the design portion of the project. Tyler Howell asked if the residents around the tower could be present when the tower is torn down or do they need to be relocated temporarily. The other issue is installing a tower in the flood plain verses a flood way and the municipal building location should be fine because it is just in the flood plain. The Board needs to pick a location for the tower. Several discussed options for the water tower location are the municipal building, water plant, and the lot across from Coonies. The issue with the lot across from Coonies is that it is so close to the tracks and the vibration. The water plant is an option with the size of our distribution system but the EPA would have to give approval.

The next regular meeting will be July 15, 2019 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk