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Rural Utilities Service	SUBJECT:	City of Uniontown, Alabama
Water & Environmental Programs		Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Facility Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment Review
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The subject proposal will consist of a series of phases to mitigate the existing problems with the wastewater collection and treatment system in Uniontown Alabama. The proposed phases include: CCTV monitoring, flow monitoring, collection system rehabilitation (including cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), pipe replacement, and manhole lining and replacement), flow monitoring after collection system rehabilitation, and development of infrastructure to support treatment of wastewater from Uniontown. The project will occur in Uniontown and Demopolis, Alabama.

The Environmental Assessment was published on September 13, 2018. On September 21, 2018, one comment was received from an environmental non-profit organization, Black Warrior Riverkeeper. RD's Alabama office responded via electronic mail on September 26, 2018. RD's Alabama office, reviewed all comments received regarding Uniontown and an initial FONSI was published on September 27, 2018. Upon further consideration and consultation with the RD National office, RD determined that it was appropriate to augment the FONSI to explicitly call out how comments were received from the public, to expound on actions currently taken by RD to address these comments and propose future actions for mitigation, if necessary. The augmented FONSI was published on October 16, 2018.

I have reviewed the subject environmental file. If you need further assistance on this project, the National Office is available for consultation.

Please contact me at Omololu.Dawodu@wdc.usda.gov or 202.720.5653 with any questions or concerns.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

PROPOSED REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FOR UNIONTOWN ALABAMA

SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR RELEASE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT GRANT FUNDS

Prepared for:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Categorical Exclusion report (CE) was prepared in support of a request for release Rural Development Act (RDA) funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The City of Uniontown is seeking financial assistance from USDA RD under its Community Facilities Program. The project involves rehabilitating the entire sanitary sewerage collection system and piping the effluent to Demopolis for treatment.

No mitigation measures are required for any component of the project. Wetlands would not be affected by the project, and no critical biological habitat was identified during inspections of the project site. The project would not result in an unnecessary and irreversible conversion of important farmland to nonagricultural use or result in any adverse effect on farmland. No adverse effects on Environmental Justice are anticipated from the project implementation. The project would not negatively affect local living standards. Local facilities or services would not affect the project or be negatively affected by the proposed project.

Based on the environmental assessment of the proposed project, the actions described herein are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. It is concluded the request for release of funds would not constitute a major Federal action because it will not result in significant adverse consequences on the quality of human environment.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Categorical Exclusion report (CE) was prepared in support of a request for release of Rural Development Act (RDA) funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The City of Uniontown, Alabama is seeking financial assistance from USDA RDA under its Community Facilities Program. The project involves rehabilitation of the city's Sanitary Sewer Collection System and installing a force main and pumping stations to pump the effluent to the City of Demopolis for treatment.

2.0 PURPOSE AND LOCATION

2.1 Project Location and Description

The City of Uniontown ("Uniontown") is located approximately 20 miles south of the City of Greensboro in southwestern Perry County, Alabama (Appendix A). The Collection Project site is located within the Uniontown West, Alabama US 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, specifically in sections 19 & 30, Township 17N, Range 6W. A site Plan of the area is located in (Appendix A). The Force Main is located along U.S Highway 80 from Uniontown to Demopolis. The route goes along Spring Hill road and on Alabama 13 in the city limits of Demopolis. A site plan for the force main is located in (Appendix A).

The project will consist of complete rehabilitation of the gravity collection system for Uniontown. This includes replacing sewer lines that cannot be rehabilitated by other means such as cured in place pipe (CIPP), pipe bursting, or point repairs. The brick Manholes will either be replaced or lined with a structural cement application. Laterals from buildings to the City collection lines will be videoed and repaired/replaced as needed.

The treatment of the effluent will consist of constructing a force main from the existing lagoon site to the City of Demopolis where they will treat Uniontown's domestic and industrial sanitary sewage. Once completed the existing lagoon and spray field will be decommissioned and reclaimed.

2.2 Purpose and Need of Project

On August 12, 2008, Uniontown received a Consent Order ("the Order") from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management ("ADEM") addressing compliance issues with discharges from the lagoon. The lagoon operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by ADEM and discharges into a spray field located 4.6 miles south of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Perry County, Alabama.

The Order primarily focused on parametric compliance for four basic pollutants of interest:

- 1) Unpermitted discharging of untreated wastewater into Cottonwood Creek
- 2) Flow capacity
- 3) Permitted limits for BOD
- 4) Permitted limits for TSS

In order to meet the requirements set forth in the order, Uniontown proceeded with a construction project that met the BOD and TSS requirement by dredging and deepening the two



primary cells of the lagoon and adding baffles to all three cells of the lagoon. The project repaired approximately a fourth of the collection system and increased the size of the pumps to the spray field to prevent overflows to Cottonwood Creek. Inflow metering has been added to the system. The data collected shows flow coming into the lagoon varying from 300,000 gallons per day to 5,000,000 gallons per day. This amount of flow cannot be treated and discharged to the spray field. The lagoon will overflow into Cottonwood Creek approximately half of the year and the spray field will continuously overflow into Freetown Creek.

The provision of adequate sanitary sewage collection and treatment system will eliminate hazardous health conditions in the community. With a proper system, children will be able to play safely outside without the threat of disease from raw sewage. This will allow the children to get a sufficient amount of physical exercise. A report by the Perry County Board of Education shows that lack of physical exercise is causing an alarming number of children to suffer childhood obesity. Due to the need for improvements to the sanitary sewer system, the City Council of Uniontown has enacted an ordinance requiring all persons with sewer access to pay a monthly sewage fee to help eliminate hazardous health conditions.

Uniontown has a management company running the Sewer System. Since the last rehabilitation project, the discharge permit levels are mostly being met, except for volume and occasional fecal coliform. The excessive inflow still coming through the collection system allows flooding of the separation and compaction equipment as well as the U. V. System. The flooding has rendered these systems inoperable. The spray field is too small for the amount of effluent it receives an it is not practical to develop more spray fields due to the soil conditions in the area. Screening and pumping the effluent to Demopolis for final treatment is the best option for Uniontown.

3.0 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

3.1 Alternative #1:

- 1. Rehabilitate collection system.
- 2. Reclaim the existing spray field site.
- 3. Decommission the existing lagoons.
- 4. Install a new barrel screen and pumping station at the existing lagoon site to pump the effluent to Demopolis for treatment.
- 5. Install 16" HDPE pipe force main from Uniontown to Demopolis WWTP with several intermediate pumping stations to receive the sanitary waste water from Uniontown and industrial waste from Southeastern Cheese and Alabama Catfish.

3.2 Alternative #2:

- 1. Rehabilitate collection system.
- 2. Decommission existing lagoons.
- 3. Build a Membrane Bioreactor Waste Water Treatment Plant to receive sanitary waste water from Uniontown as well as industrial waste water from Southeastern Cheese and Alabama Catfish at the existing spray field site



3.3 Alternative #3:

- 1. Rehabilitate collection system.
- 2. Decommission existing lagoons.
- 3. Build a Sequencing Batch Reactor Waste Water Treatment Plant to receive sanitary waste water from Uniontown as well as industrial waste water from Southeastern Cheese and Alabama Catfish at the existing spray field site.

4.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Land Ownership and Land Use:

The City of Uniontown owns the existing collection system, lagoon, and spray field. Laterals from the buildings to the right of way are owned by individual land owners. The force main will be placed in the right of way of the Alabama Department of Transportation on U.S. Highway 80 and Alabama Highway 13 and the right of way of Spring Hill Road in Demopolis. One pumping station will be located on Uniontown city property at the existing lagoon. One pumping station will be located adjacent to the right of way of U.S. 80 near the intersection of Alabama Highway 25 and U.S. 80. The last pumping station will be located adjacent to the right of way of U.S. 80 and Alabama Highway 69.

The City of Uniontown is located in Perry County in the heart of Alabama's black belt. Perry County is one of the six poorest counties in the State of Alabama and is one of the poorest counties in the United States. The area's population is 90.6 % African American based on 2010 Census Bureau demographics. The percentage of individuals below the poverty level is 47.2 %. The unemployment rate is 20.5 %. Median household income is \$15,054.00, being 50.98 % of the national average. According to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau date, Uniontown's population was 1612. Of these approximately 1000 customers are connected to Uniontown's sewer system.

4.2 Cultural Resources:

If the USDA RD elects to fund the proposed project, it will become an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108, and its regulations, 36 CFR Part 800. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(C)(4), and 7 CFR 1970.S(b)(2) of the regulations, "Environmental Policies and Procedures" (7 CFR Part 1970), the RDA has issued a blanket delegation for its applicants to initiate and proceed through Section 106 review. On behalf of Rural Development (RD), In delegating this authority, RD is advocating for the direct interaction between its borrowers and the Alabama Historical Commission. RD believes this interaction, prior to direct agency involvement, will support and encourage the consideration of the impact to cultural resources earlier in project planning.

Sentell Engineering, Inc. has requested the Alabama Historical Commission to review this proposed project for potential impacts to prehistoric or historic resources (see the letter of July 25, 2018 from Sentell Engineering, Inc.; Appendix B).





4.3 Threatened and Endangered Species/Biological Resources:

Sentell Engineering, Inc. surveyed the project site for species listed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services(USFWS) as "Threatened" or "Endangered" under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), on May 30, 2018. The USFWS Daphne (AL) Ecological Fields Services website Alabama Federally Listed Species by County (2018) was consulted to identify target species for the survey. The project area does not contain federally listed threatened or endangered wildlife or vegetation. This was determined by viewing available USFWS maps of Critical Habitats. The USFWS Critical Habitat maps are defined as determining "When a species is proposed for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must consider whether there are areas of habitat believed to be essential the species' conservation. Those areas may be proposed for designation as "critical habitat." Critical habitat is a term defined and used in the Act. It is a specific geographic area(s) that contains features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management and protection. Critical habitat may include an area that is not currently occupied by the species but that will be needed for its recovery. An area is designated as "critical habitat" after the Service publishes a proposed Federal regulation in the Federal Register and receives and considers public comments on the proposal. The final boundaries of the critical habitat are also published in the Federal Register. Critical habitat are areas considered essential for the conservation of a listed species. Federal agencies are required to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on actions they carry out, fund, or authorize to ensure that their actions will not destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. These areas provide notice to the public and land managers of the importance of these areas to the conservation of a listed species. Special protections and/or restrictions are possible in areas where Federal funding, permits, licenses, authorizations, or actions occur or are required."

Not finding any species listed, Sentell Engineering, Inc. requested a review (see the letter of July 25, 2018 from Sentell Engineering, Inc.; Appendix B).

4.4 Wetlands:

Known wetlands along the project are confined to creeks crossing U.S. 80. Sentell Engineering, Inc. requested a review from the United States Corps of Engineers (see the letter of July 25, 2018 from Sentell Engineering, Inc.; Appendix B).

4.5 Floodplains:

The project is not located in the established flood plain areas of Perry County, Hale County, or Marengo County according to FEMA maps (See attached flood maps in (Appendix C). There are several areas that are shown as 100 year flood plain Zone A which side notes that no base line flood elevation has been established for these areas.

4.6 Important Farmland:

The project sites are in established right of ways of disturbed ground and are not subject to farmland activity. Sentell Engineering, Inc. requested a review from the USDA NRCS (see the letter of July 25, 2018 from Sentell Engineering, Inc.; Appendix B).

4.7 Environmental Risk Management:

No environmental risks are anticipated as the majority of the project is along the right of way of U.S., State, and City roads. The construction footprint will be minimal.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCIES

5.1 Environmental Justice:

The City of Uniontown is located in Perry County in the heart of Alabama's black belt. Perry County is one of the six poorest counties in the State of Alabama and is one of the poorest counties in the United States. The area's population is 90.6 % African American based on 2010 Census Bureau demographics. The percentage of individuals below the poverty level is 47.2 %.

The City of Uniontown does not have the financial ability to repair/replace the collection system and provide treatment for the sanitary sewage without Grant funds. This work must be done or the health dangers will continue. The Circuit Court order has already ruled that Uniontown must immediately cease and desist discharging unpermitted effluent into Cottonwood and Freetown creeks. The Order has temporarily been stayed for an additional 90 days in order to fund the project. This would mean the City of Uniontown would have to stop selling water to its citizens.

5.2 Cultural Resources:

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) was contacted by letter on July 25, 2018 regarding the project (Appendix B), proposing project area, and requesting AHC review of the project. As of August 10, 2018, the AHC has not responded to the request.

5.3 Threatened and Endangered Species/Biologic Resources.

The USFWS was contacted by letter on July 25, 2018 from regarding the project (Appendix B). The response back from USFWS on August 9, 2018 concurs that No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area (see the letter signed by William J. Pearson USFWS; Appendix B).

conversion of important farmland to nonagricultural use or result in any adverse effect on farmland. No local facilities or services would affect the project or be negatively affected by the project. Implementation of the project would not negatively affect local living standards.

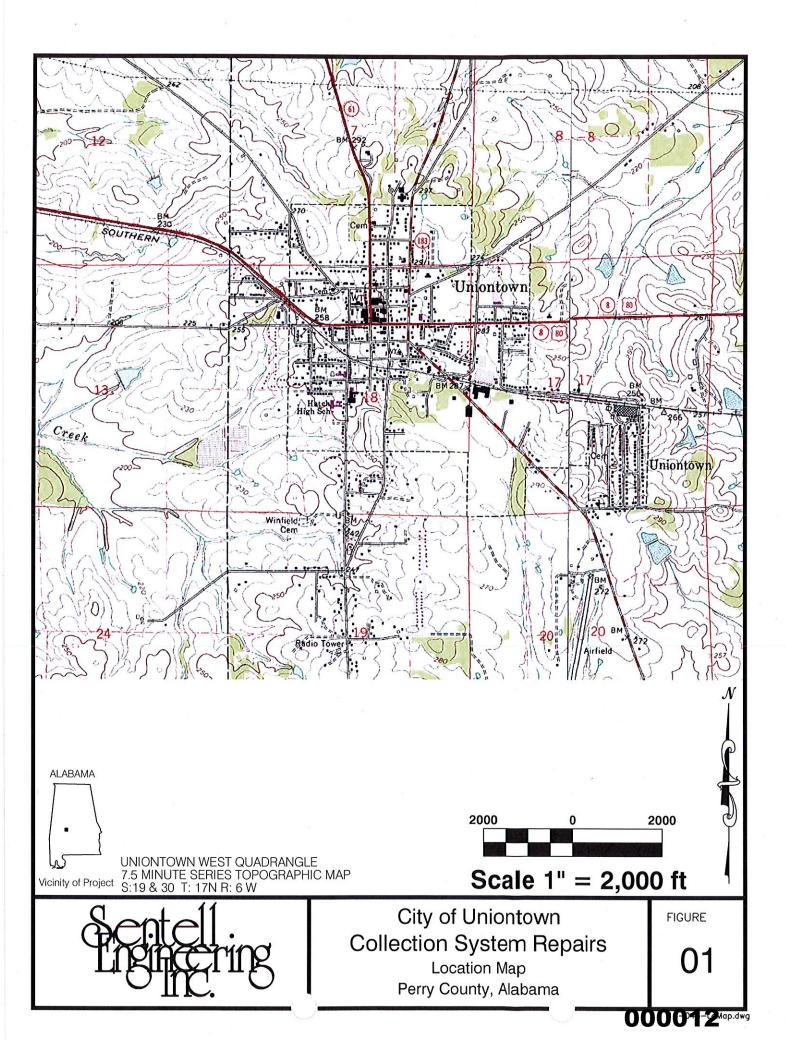
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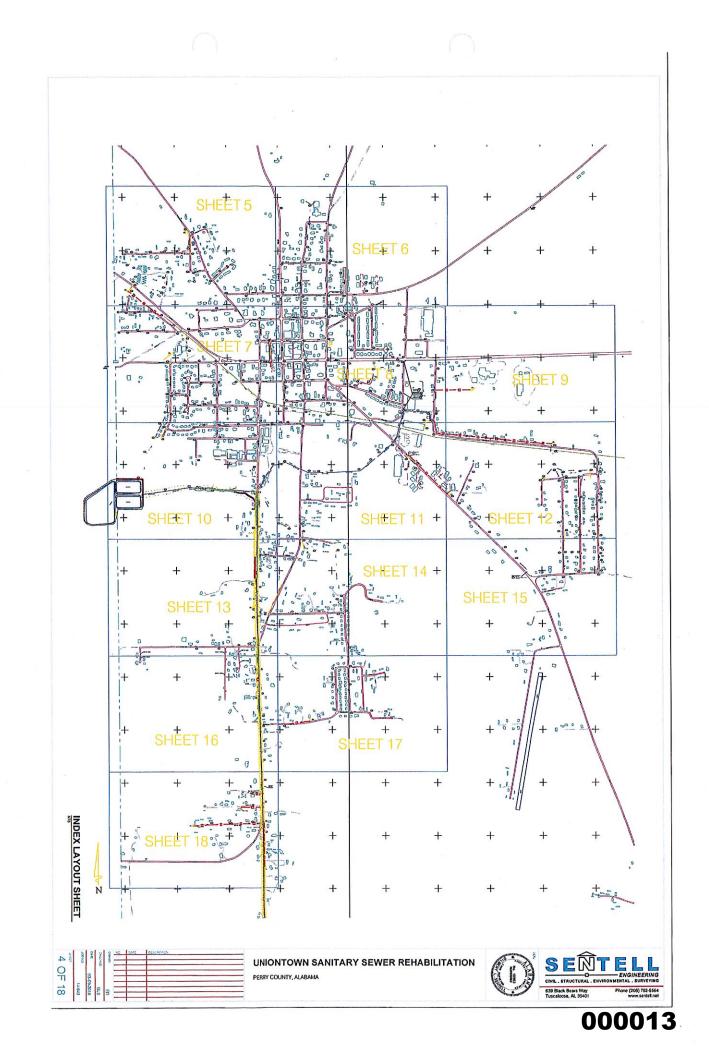
- i. Ensure all work performed is within previously disturbed right-of-ways and existing WWTF
- ii. Require contractor to use BMP plans and devices to control all erosion and siltation.
- iii. Require contractor to maintain erosion and siltation controls during construction. BMP's will be implemented.
- iv. Require all excess materials to be removed and properly confined.
- v. The Uniontown Utility Board will adopt a resolution limiting service in floodplain areas to existing residents and structures only. No future service will be allowed for development in these areas identified as being in the 100 year floodplain according to future FEMA maps.
- vi. Free flowing streams could be impacted by an open-cut type crossing. They will be crossed by directional drilling.

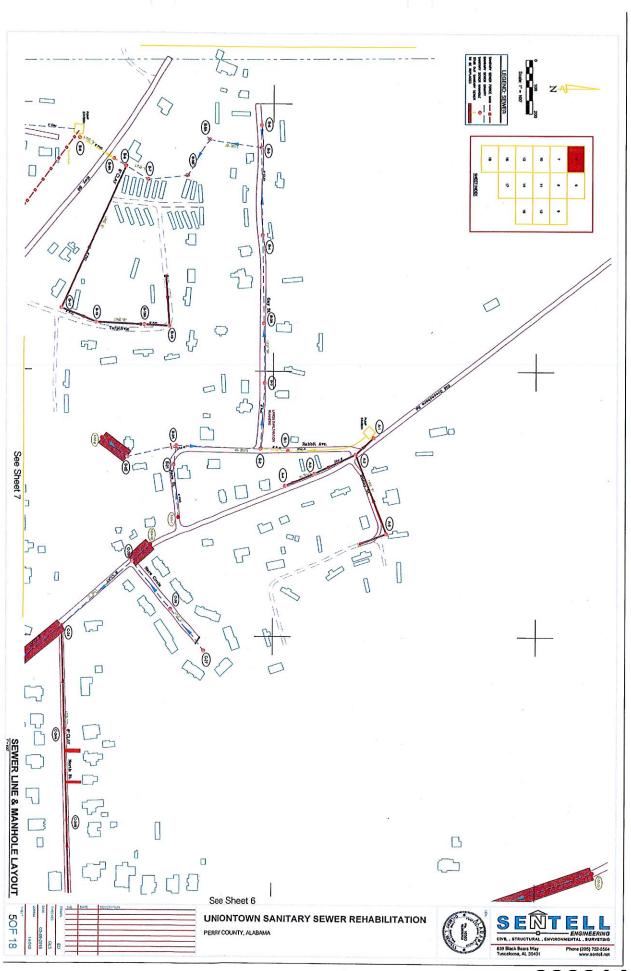
These measures will be implemented and enforced by incorporating them into the Plans and Specifications for the project. To ensure these mitigation measures are implemented, the following enforcement measures will be taken:

- A qualified inspector will provide full-time inspection during construction.
- Periodic inspection by the project engineer and ADEM personnel; and
- Obtain necessary concurrence from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management as needed

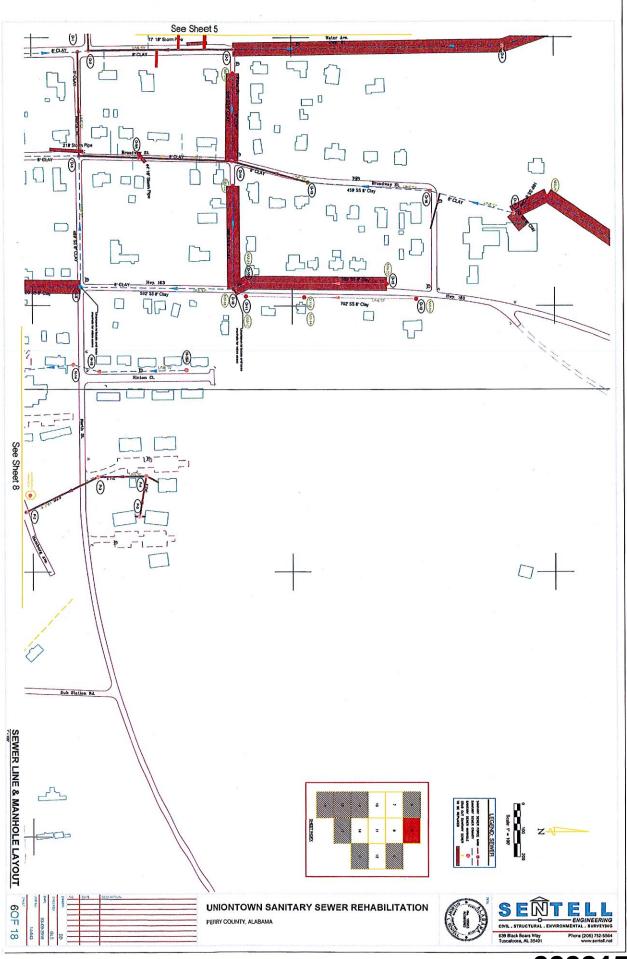
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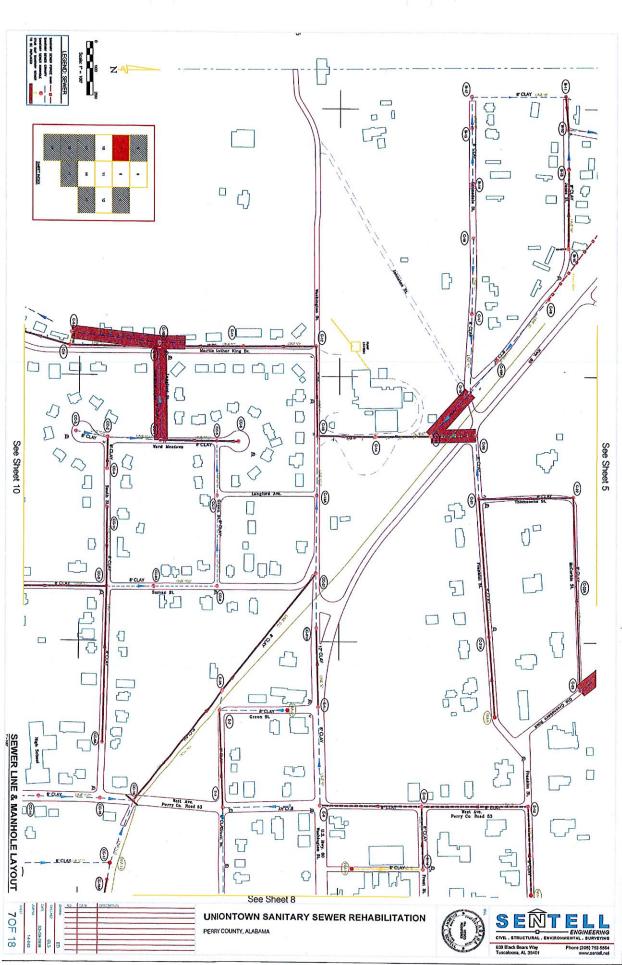


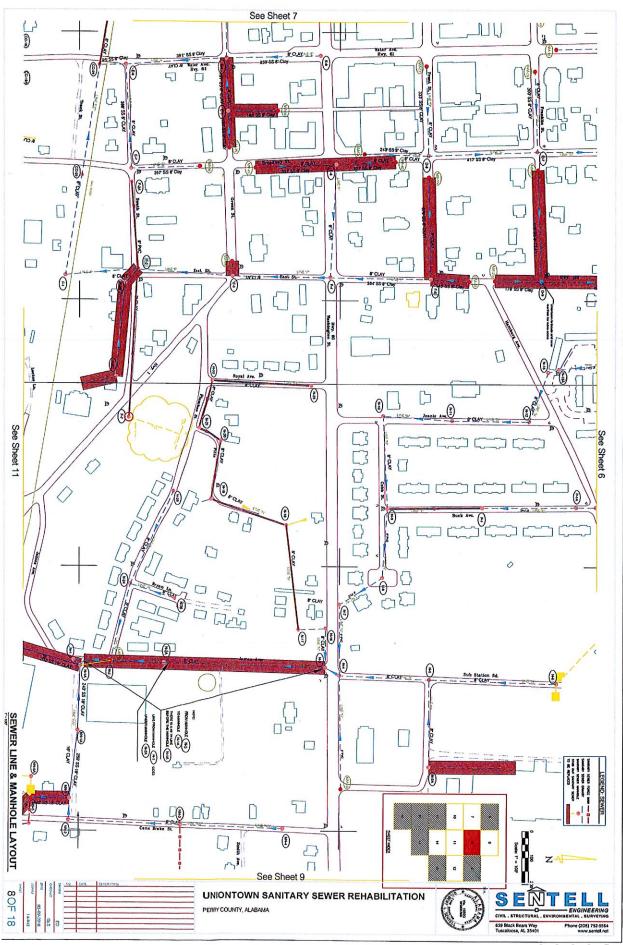


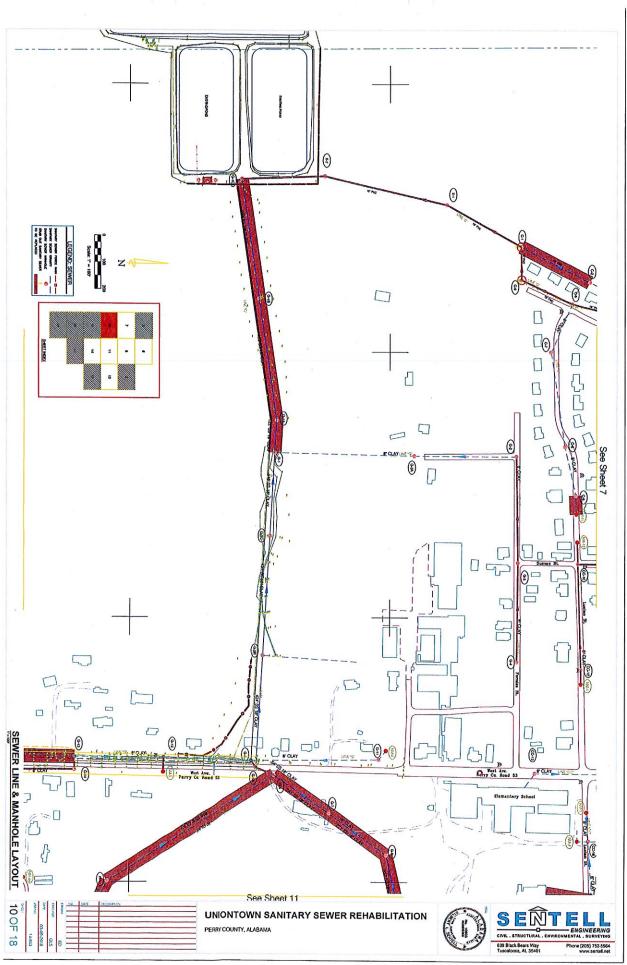


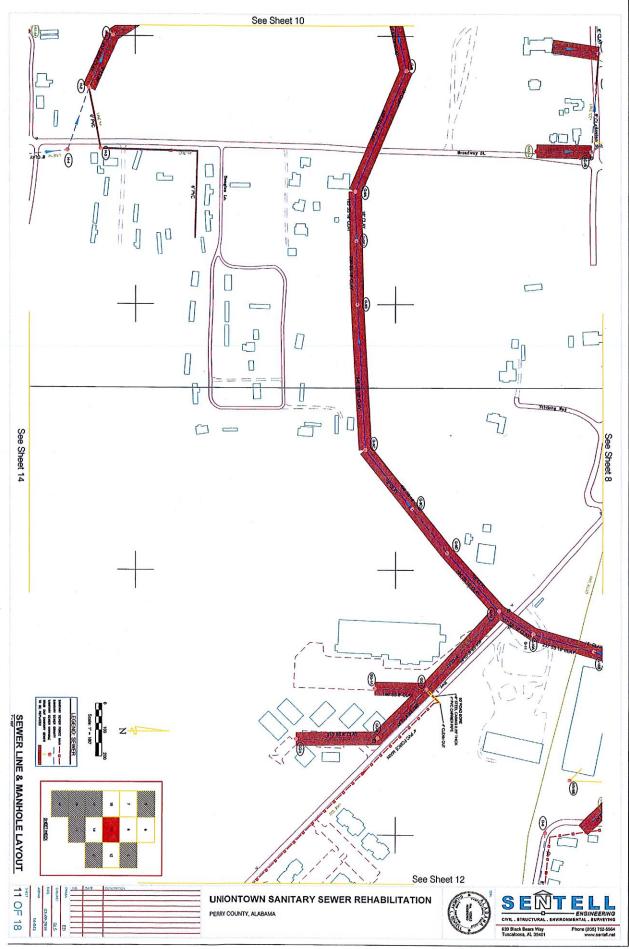


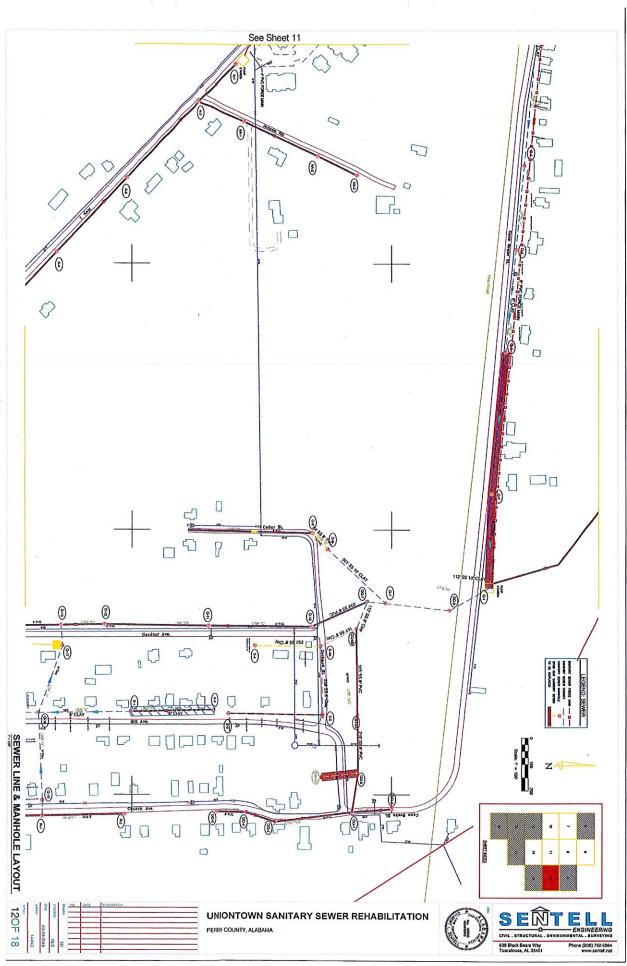
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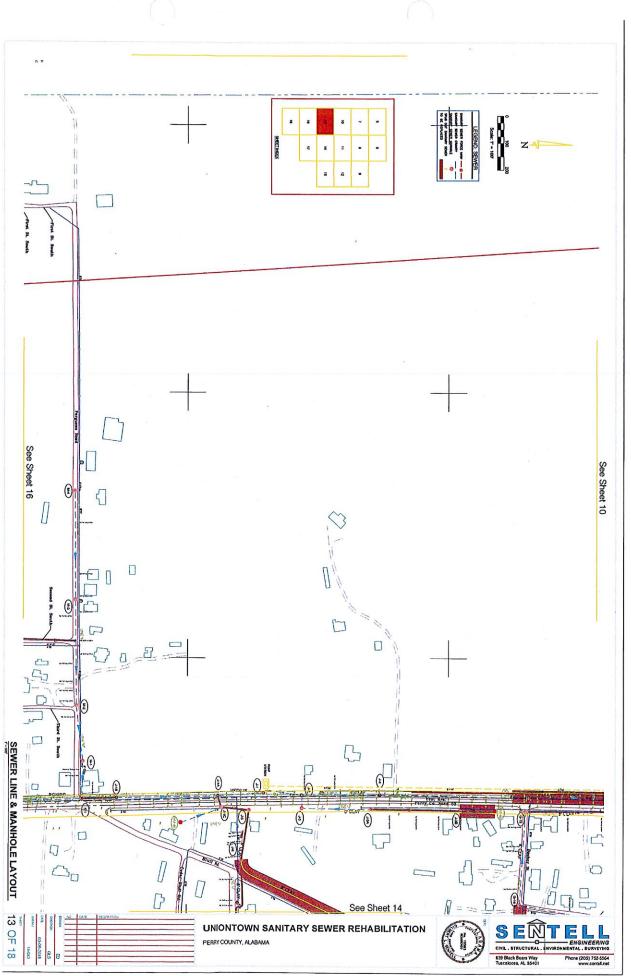


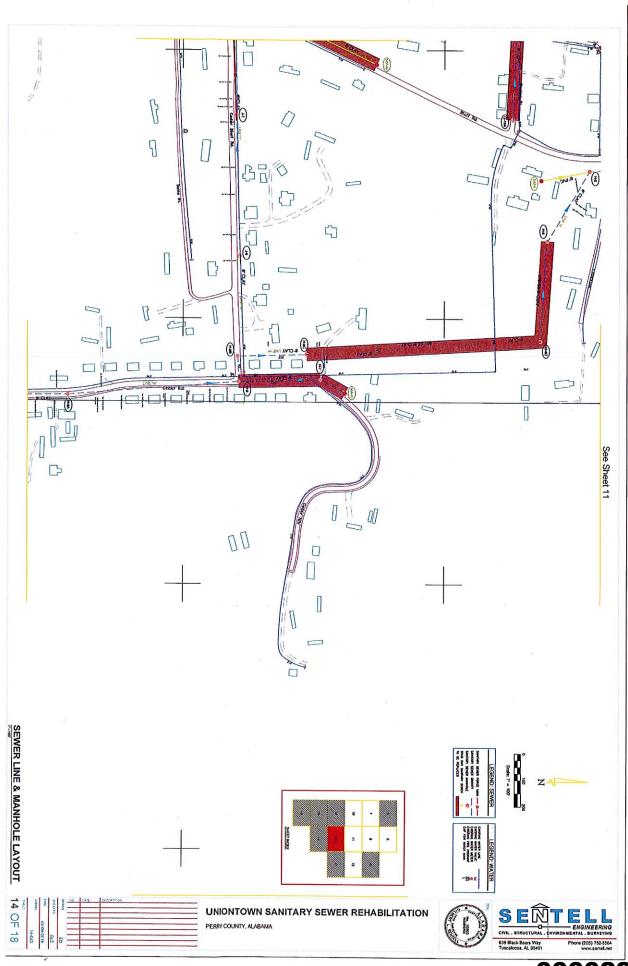


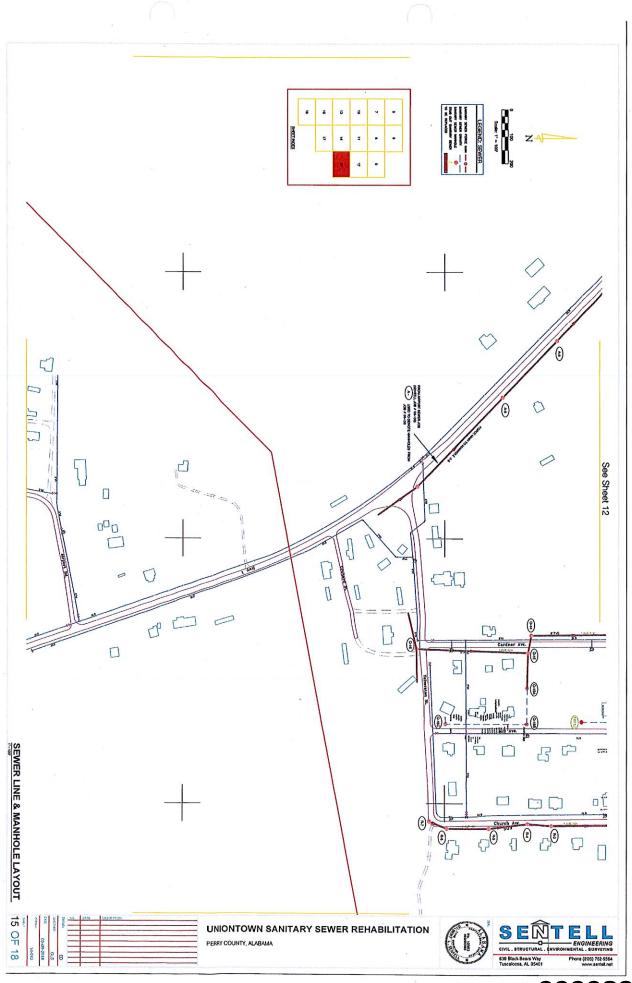




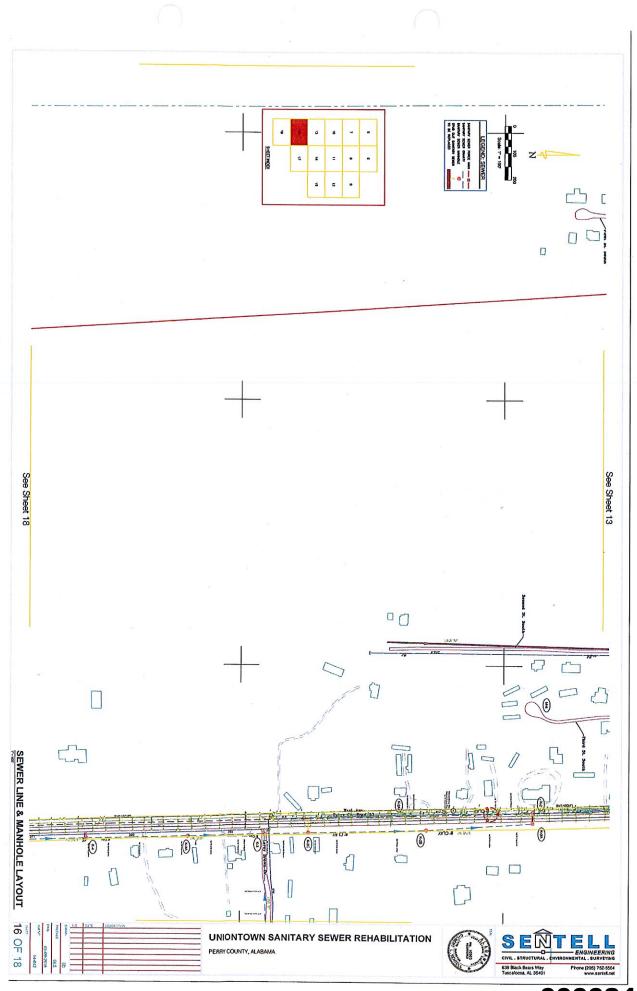




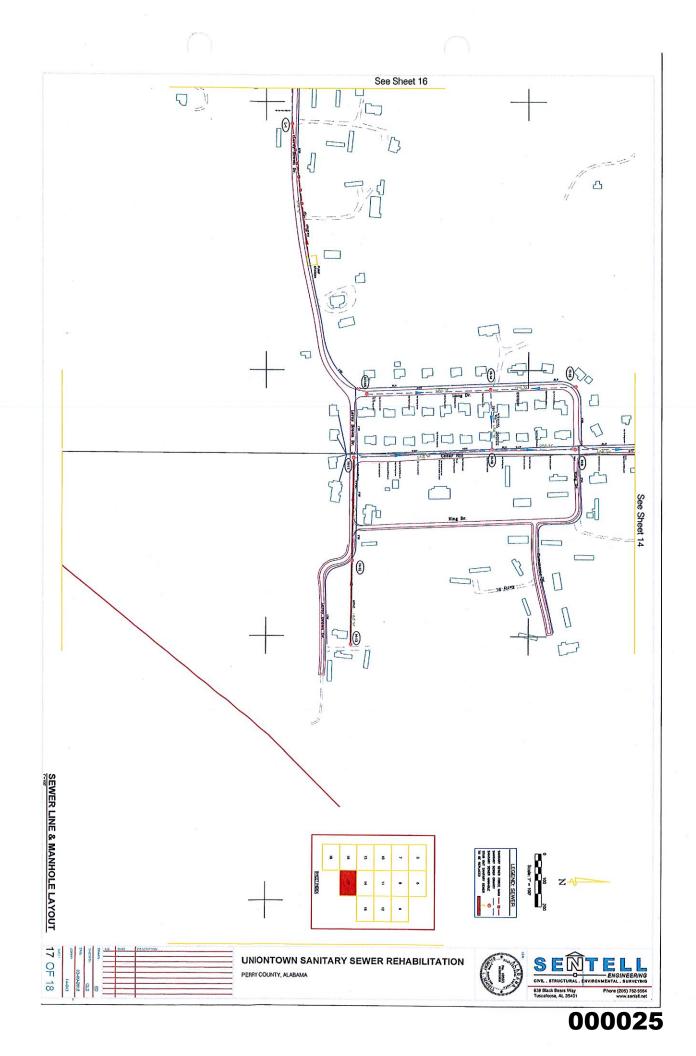


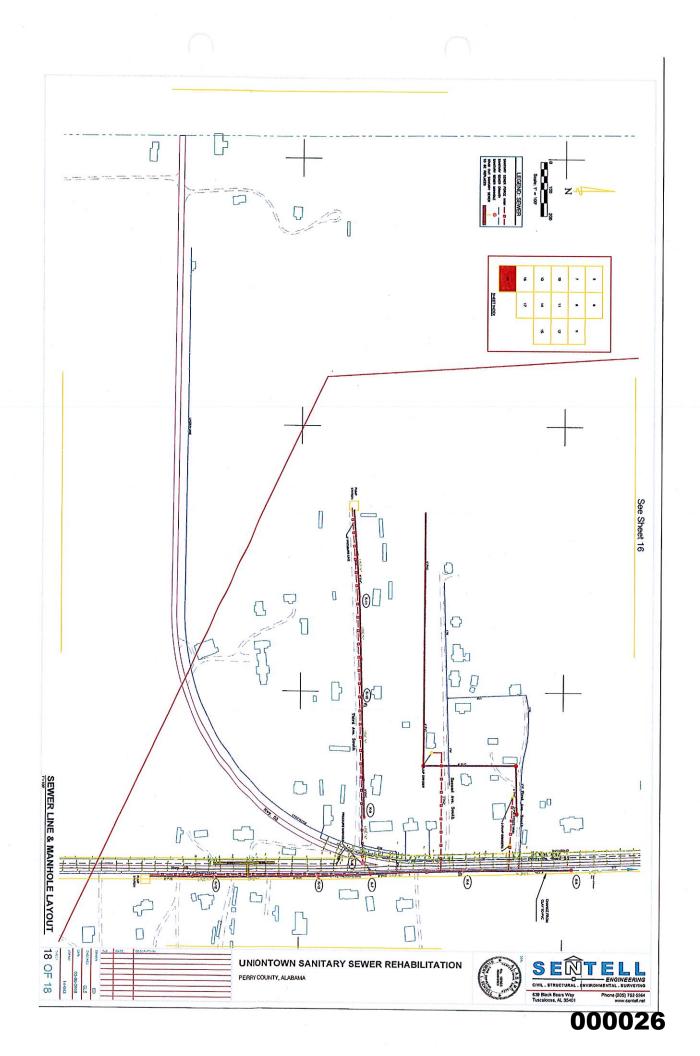


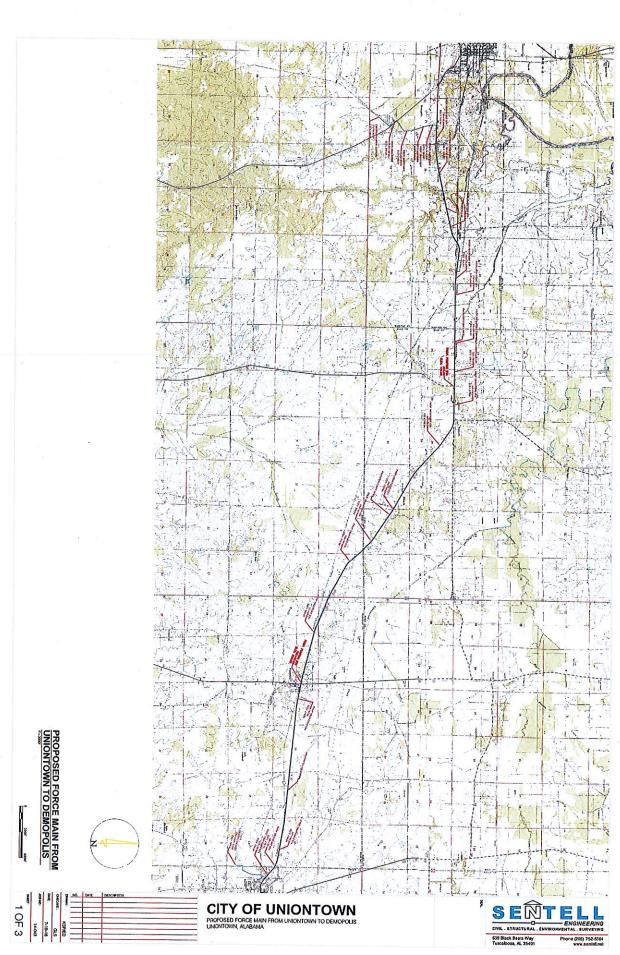




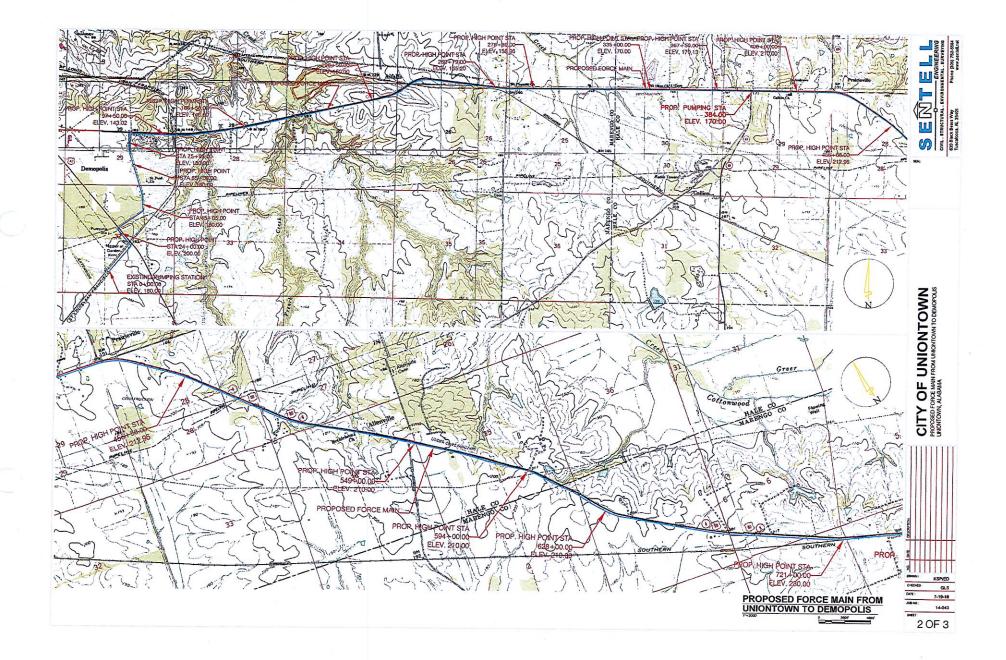
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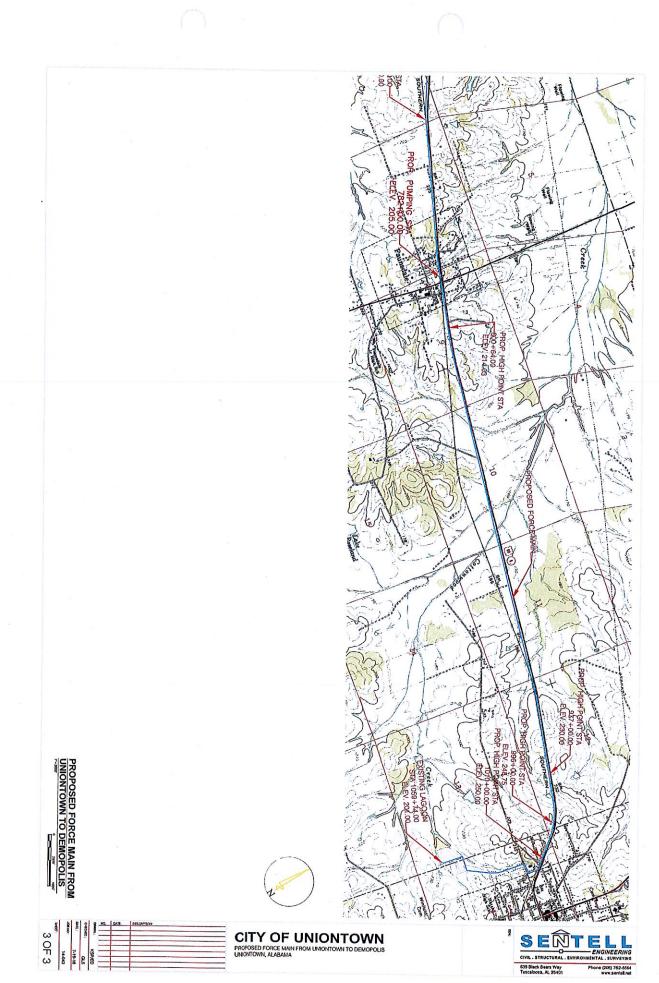






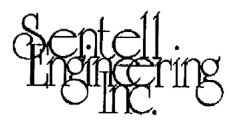








APPENDIX B



July 25, 2018

Mr. William Pearson U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services 1208-B Main Street Daphne, Alabama 36526

Dear Sir:

The City of Uniontown Water and Sewage Authority is in the process of performing an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for USDA Rural Utilities Service in order that it may assess the environmental impacts of the waste water system expansion. The project being proposed is to rehabilitate the existing collection system as well as install a force main from Uniontown, Alabama, along US highway 80 to Demopolis, Alabama. All work will be within the existing collection system and within existing right-of-way along US highway 80, Old Springhill Road, and Alabama Highway 13 in Demopolis.

We request a list of any federally-listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and designated or proposed critical habitat that may be present in the project area. In addition, please advise us of any present concerns you may have related to possible effects of the project listed above on such species or critical habitat, as well as any other wildlife concerns.

If you need any further information or wish to discuss our project, please contact Mr. Nivory Gordon at USDA Rural Development in Camden, Alabama at (334) 682-4116, Extension 109.

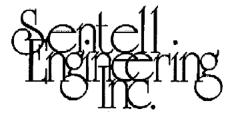
If you have any questions, please call (205) 752-5564.

Sincerely,

SENTELL ENGINEERING, INC.



Ed Morris



July 25, 2018

Lawrence McGhee USDA - NRCS 3381 Skyway Drive Auburn, Al 36830

Re: Prime Farmland review of Uniontown WWTP Area

Dear Sir:

We need a Prime Farmland review for the Uniontown WWTP Construction. Our client is operating the waste water treatment plant, located in Perry County. They will be modifying the existing plant and adding a force main along the southern side of U.S. Highway 80 in order to pump their waste water to the Demopolis treatment plant. All work will be within the existing collection system and within existing right-of-way along US highway 80, Old Springhill Road, and Alabama Highway 13 in Demopolis. We are requesting that a Prime Farmland Review be waived because of the previous land disturbance activity. For information regarding this notice please contact Mr. Nivory Gordon at USDA Rural Development in Camden, Alabama at (334) 682-4116 ext. 109. 1 have attached a map showing the project site location.

Should you have any questions please call me at 205-752-5564.

Sincerely,



Ed Morris



July 25, 2018

Mr. William Lowe Alabama Historical Commission 468 South Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Dear Mr. Lowe:

I am requesting a Historical Review for a waste water treatment facility rehabilitation project. The project in question will take place in Uniontown, Alabama as well as requiring construction along an existing right-of-way along US highway 80, Old Springhill Road, and Alabama highway 13. All of the project construction will be taking place in previously disturbed lands as can be seen from the attached map. For information regarding this notice please contact Mr. Nivory Gordon at the USDA Rural Development in Camden, Alabama at (334) 682-4116 ext 109.

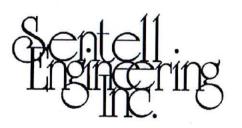
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1208-B Main Street Daphne, Alabama 36526 Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html).

AUG 0 9 2018 William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor Date #3 Sincerely,

SENTELL ENGINEERING, INC.



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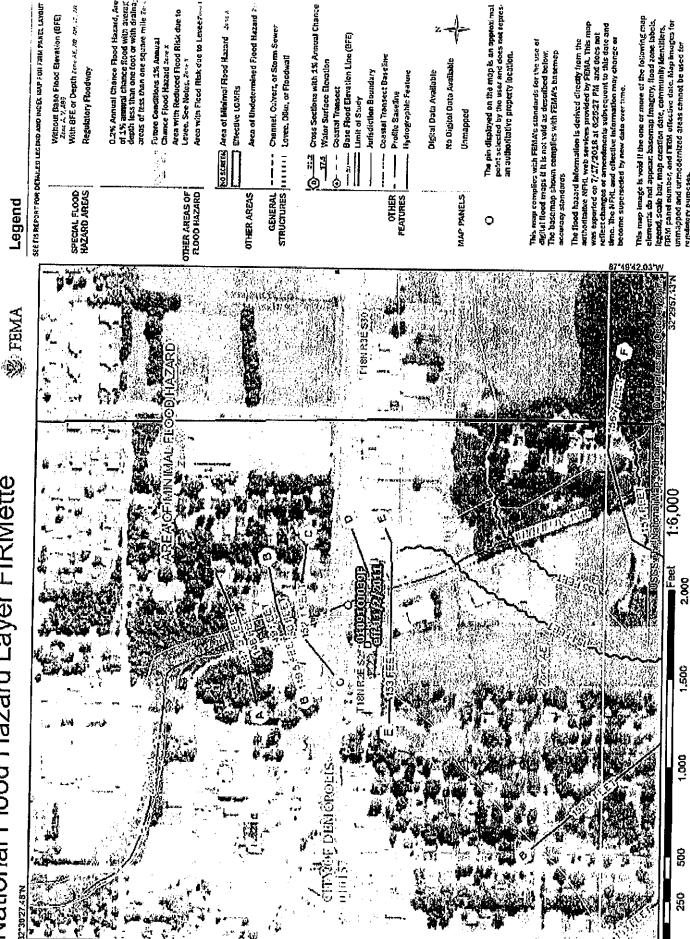
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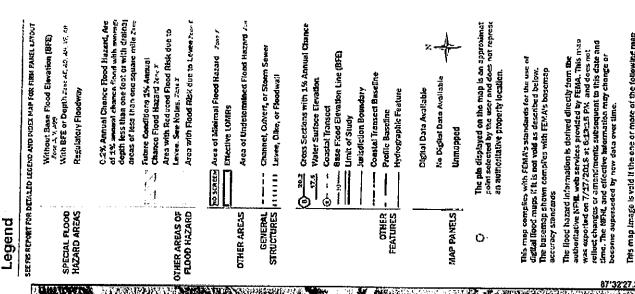
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4121 Carmichael Road Suite 601, Sterling Centre Montgomery, AL 36106 (334) 279-3615 / (334) 279-3495 TDD

SUBJECT: City of Uniontown - Rehab Sewer & Wastewater Transmission to Demopolis Environmental Assessment

Rural Development

TO: Nivory Gordon, Area Director Camden, AL (Area Office 4) September 7, 2018

FROM: John E. Taylor State Environmental Coordinator

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment, dated September 7, 2018 for the subject project and have made the following determinations:

CONCURRENCE WITH CLASSIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

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 - Environmental Assessment (7 CFR 1970.101)
- Incorrect classification; should be Categorical Exclusion w/Environmental Report (7 CFR 1970.54). State/National Environmental Staff instructs Processing Official to process as CE.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Acceptable. Environmental staff works with Processing Official to have applicant prepare Notice of Availability.
- Unacceptable. In order to bring the document into compliance with regulatory and Agency requirements, please address the following items:

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United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

SUBJECT: City of Uniontown – Recommendation of a Finding of No Significant Impact

TO: Allen Bowen, Business and Community Programs Program Director

FROM: John Taylor, State Environmental Coordinator JOHN TAYLOR JOHN TAYLOR JOHN TAYLOR

DATE: September 27, 2018

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Facility Rehabilitation project, dated September 7, 2018. In accordance with 7 CFR Part 1970, Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures, the proposed project meets the classification criteria for an environmental assessment. The 14-day public review period ended on September 26, 2018 and all public comments and outstanding issues have been addressed and resolved to the extent practicable.

Therefore in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and RD's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970), I recommend RUS issue a determination that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from construction and operation of the proposed project. Accordingly, the proposed project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Attached for your approval is the Finding of No Significant Impact document. Upon approval, please sign and forward the document to the appropriate processing office with this recommendation letter and have them request that the applicant publish a public notice informing the public of our decision.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Facility Rehabilitation Perry County, Alabama

> Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture

> > City of Uniontown

Prepared by: John Taylor, Staff USDA Rural Development

October 2018



A. INTRODUCTION

City of Uniontown plans to submit a financing request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD) to construct the proposed Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Facility Rehabilitation (Project) in Perry County, Alabama. RD is considering this financing request. Prior to taking a federal action (i.e., providing financial assistance), RD is required to complete an environmental impact analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RD's NEPA implementing regulations, Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970). After completing an independent analysis of an environmental report prepared by City of Uniontown and its consultant, RD concurred with its scope and content. In accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102, RD adopted the report and issued it as the Agency's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Project. RD finds that the EA is consistent with federal regulations and meets the standards for an adequate assessment. City of Uniontown published a newspaper notice, announcing the availability of the EA for public review, in accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102. In addition, RD considers the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 USC 470(f), and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE/NEED

The need for this project is based on the current state of the wastewater collection system, which is in dire need of repair due to the excess inflow of wastewater into the lagoon that cannot be adequately treated and discharged into the sprayfield. The purpose of the proposed project is to get the existing wastewater collection system functional and help to eliminate the impermissible discharges through the following proposed phases: CCTV monitoring, flow monitoring, collection system rehabilitation (including cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), pipe replacement, and manhole lining and replacement), flow monitoring after collection system rehabilitation, and development of infrastructure to support the use of the treatment facility in Demopolis to treat wastewater from Uniontown. The overall purpose of the Project is to rehabilitate the city's wastewater collection system and construct facilities for ultimate treatment and discharge of the effluent. RD has reviewed the purpose and need for the Project and determined that the proposal will meet the present and future needs of City of Uniontown.

C. ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED

- No Action Under the No Action Alternative, RD would not provide financial assistance to City of Uniontown, and/or the proposed Project would not be constructed. This alternative would not assist City of Uniontown in decreasing inflow and infiltration and eliminating unpermitted discharges into Cottonwood Creek and Freemen Creek.
- 2. Action Alternative (Preferred Alternative) Under the Action Alternative, RD would consider financing the proposed Project, and City of Uniontown would construct the Project. The proposed project would rehabilitate the city's wastewater collection system to eliminate Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) to the extent practicable, gather data regarding the wastewater from industrial users, and design and construct facilities to achieve treatment and discharge of the effluent in compliance with foreseeable regulatory requirements as per 1780.1(g) "Water and waste facilities will be designed, installed, and operated in accordance with applicable laws which include but are not limited to the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act and the



Resource Conservation and Recovery Act". The process will involve the development and negotiation of State Indirect Discharge (SID) permit limits for industrial users to ensure the aggregated untreated wastewater is within the design parameters of the treatment system. Currently, based on assumptions that the remedy of I&I and working with the industrial dischargers will result in adequate flow and pollutant reductions, the course of action planned is to construct screening facilities, pump stations, and a force main to transport the wastewater to the City of Demopolis for treatment at their wastewater treatment plant. The existing treatment lagoons and effluent spray field would be decommissioned and reclaimed. When the existing WWTP and spray field permits are no longer in force, they will be regulated by ADEM as unpermitted landfills. Remediation will be as required by ADEM Administrative Code Chapter 335-13-1-.13.

The ultimate course of action will be determined following the I&I study and the various phases of project implementation. After employing each strategy/process stage, we will evaluate whether the preferred alternative remains the most effective approach to ensure system functionality and compliance.

The Agency will evaluate the results of data obtained from the I&I study, observed wet weather flows after collection system rehabilitation, the capability of the Demopolis Wastewater Treatment Plant to treat the sewage, and the estimated cost to construct and operate the facility. If the Agency determines to modify the scope of the project outside that anticipated in the Environmental Assessment, the Agency would supplement the Environmental Assessment to evaluate the impacts of the modified scope of the project and inform the public.

3 Other Alternatives Considered – In addition to the No Action Alternative and Action Alternative, the City of Uniontown considered two types of tertiary biological/physical treatment plants that would be built on the site of the current spray field. A treatment plant located at this site would discharge into Freeman Creek. The treated effluent would have to meet the standards for Fish and Wildlife as defined at ADEM Administrative Code Chapter 335-6-10-.9(5). This alternative was deemed technically feasible and would have a lower cost of construction than the Action Alternative. However, the high operating cost was prohibitive for the City of Uniontown.

D. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The analyses in the EA documented that the proposed Project would have no adverse effects to Land Use, Floodplains, Wetlands, Water Resources, Coastal Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Aesthetics, Air Quality, Socio-Economic Impact/Environmental Justas, Noise, Transportation, and Human Health and Safety.

E. PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The City of Uniontown published a newspaper notice, announcing the availability of the EA for public review, in accordance with 7 CFR § 1970.102. In addition, RD considers the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 USC 470(f), and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8, and 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3) and in order to coordinate RD's responsibilities for public participation under NHPA with those of NEPA, the published newspaper notice also satisfies RD's responsibilities for public involvement under the NHPA. The notice was published on September 13, 14



and 15, 2018, in Selma Times Journal of Dallas County, Alabama. A copy of the EA was available for public review at the RD Area office at 321 Depot Street, Camden, Alabama. The 14-day comment period ended on September 26, 2018.

RD received one letter from Black Warrior Riverkeeper (BWR), a non-profit organization. Comments in the letter expressed concern over engineering capacity of systems in Uniontown and Demopolis, the role of industrial discharges, and the affordability of rates for Uniontown residents following the upgrades to the wastewater collection system. The comments did not challenge conclusions made in the EA about impacts to environmental resources. The BWR letter mentioned environmental justice regarding residents' ability to pay to connect to the sewer and the higher rates that might result from a loan from RD. Under the preferred alternative, Uniontown residential rates are not anticipated to increase significantly. In the letter's conclusion, BWR requested "...that USDA allow stakeholders ... a seat at the table to ensure all pertinent information is meaningfully considered." In RD's response, major points of the letter were addressed including that the connection or repair of service lines would be at no cost to homeowners and that no loan was contemplated for the project as proposed. RD also agreed to allow ongoing stakeholder involvement in the project planning stages. Additionally, RD has ensured that an impartial onsite inspector from the Alabama Rural Water Association will assist in the project.

The known stakeholder organizations are: The City of Uniontown (and their engineer(s)), RD, BWR, and Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health & Justice. Details of future stakeholder meetings have not been negotiated at the time of publication of this FONSI. RD anticipates many meetings to share information and ideas at mutually agreed upon milestones.

Additionally, a petition of 41 names was hand delivered to the Camden, Alabama RD office. The statement at the top of the petition said the undersigned are not satisfied with the EA, feel there will be severe environmental impacts associated with the project and requested an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared without the particular consulting engineer hired by the city. The petition did not identify deficiencies in the EA nor offer more details on the severe environmental impacts anticipated by the petitioners. The petition did not bear a return address or point-of-contact for the petition, so RD was unable to respond directly to the petition.

F. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on its EA, RD has concluded that the proposed Project would have no significant effects to Land Use, Floodplains, Wetlands, Water Resources, Coastal Resources, Aesthetics, Air Quality, Noise, Transportation, and Human Health and Safety. The proposed Project will utilize the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Programs, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for Sequencing Section 106 (NPA) to achieve compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and formally determine effects on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed Project will have no effects to federally listed species or designated critical habitat. The proposed Project would not disproportionately affect minority or lowincome populations.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970), RD has determined that the environmental



impacts of the proposed Project have been adequately addressed and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from construction and operation of the proposed Project. Any final action by RD related to the proposed Project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Because RD's action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, RD will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its potential federal action associated with the proposed Project.

G. RD LOAN REVIEW AND RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

This FONSI is not a decision on a loan application and therefore not an approval of the expenditure of federal funds. Issuance of the FONSI and its notices concludes RD's environmental review process. The ultimate decision on loan approval depends upon conclusion of this environmental review process in addition to financial and engineering reviews. Issuance of the FONSI and publication of notices will allow for these reviews to proceed. The decision to provide financial assistance also is subject to the availability of loan funds for the designated purpose in RD's budget. There are no provisions to appeal this decision (i.e., issuance of a FONSI). Legal challenges to the FONSI may be filed in Federal District Court under the Administrative Procedures Act.

H. APPROVAL

This Finding of No Significant Impact is effective upon signature.

Dated: October 11, 2018

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ALLEN BOWEN Director of Community and Business Programs Water and Waste Program Rural Utility Service

Contact Person For additional information on this FONSI and EA, please contact John Taylor at 334-279-3475.

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2019

I. Call to order

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a special first organizational meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:00 AM on July 2nd, 2019 at the City of Uniontown Auditorium located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

The following persons were present:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno

Absent from the meeting were:

- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

II. Parliamentary Authority

Mr. Clarence Black began the meeting by discussing the need for the entity to adopt a set of procedural guidelines for conducting the future business of the Board. Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to adopt "Robert's Rules of Order" as the official guide and governance document for future proceedings of the Body. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Adoption of the By-Laws

Mr. Clarence Black then brought forward the need for the Board to approve and adopt the Bylaws drafted by Attorney Prince Chestnut on behalf of the Board. Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to approve and adopt the draft Bylaws as the official Bylaws of the organization. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

IV. Election of Officers

Mr. Black then opened the nominations for the Election of Officers to the Board. Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to nominate and appoint Mr. Clarence Black as Chairman of the Board. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no other nominations for Chairman, the nominations were closed, and a vote was held. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Ms. Christine Bruno then made a motion to nominate and appoint Ms. Joyce Banks as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no other nominations for Vice-Chairman, the nominations were closed, and a vote was held. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Ms. Christine Bruno then made a motion to nominate and appoint Ms. Marylin Miller as Secretary of the Board. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no other nominations for Secretary, the nominations were closed, and a vote was held. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Ms. Callie Sanders then made a motion to nominate and appoint Ms. Christine Bruno as Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Clarence Black seconded the motion. There being no other nominations for Treasurer, the nominations were closed, and a vote was held. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

In summary, the Officers of the Board are set as follows:

- Chairman Clarence Black
- Vice-Chairman Joyce Banks
- Secretary Marylin Miller
- Treasurer Christine Bruno

V. Financial Institution

Chairman Black then discussed the need to establish a relationship with a financial institution for managing the banking needs of the organization. Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to use Cadence Bank as the Board's primary financial institution. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

VI. Signatory Authority

Chairman Black then mentioned that the Board would need two members with authority to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Ms. Callie Sanders made a motion that Chairman Black and Ms. Christine Bruno receive signatory authority on behalf of the organization. Ms. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

VII. Corporate Seal

Chairman Black then brought up the adoption of the organization's corporate seal. The corporate seal will include the name of the corporation, the date incorporated, and the state that the corporation is registered in. Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to approve the acquisition of a corporate seal. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

VIII. Regular Board Meetings

Chairman Black then began a discussion for establishing the time and frequency of the organization's regular board meetings. After some discussion, Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion that the regular Board meetings for the organization be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

IX. Office Location

Chairman Black then brought up the need for the organization to seek out and establish an independent primary office location. Currently, the office location for the organization is listed at the City Hall in Uniontown. A separate office will be required for the organization from which to conduct business. Chairman Black said he had held discussion with the Mayor of Uniontown and there are a few potential locations for the organization to establish its offices. After some discussion, it was agreed that Chairman Black would continue to gather information on potential locations and would present that information at a future meeting.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Christine Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Christine Bruno, Treasurer

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

I. Call to order

Chairman Clarence Black called to order the regular Board meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:03 AM on August 13th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown Auditorium located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

The following persons were present:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Black then asked the Secretary of the Board, Ms. Marylin Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting, held on July 2^{nd} , 2019. Ms. Miller read the minutes to the room in their entirety. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Joyce Banks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Engineering Agreement

Chairman Black then brought forward the need for the Board to approve and sign an agreement between the Board and the project engineer, Sentell Engineering. Chairman Black then opened the topic for discussion.

Vice-Chairman Joyce Banks brings up concerns about using the same contractor for engineering services as had been used in the past. Chairman Black invites Ed Morris with Sentell engineering to make comments. Mr. Morris gives a statement detailing the current project. Allen Bowen with the USDA RD then addressed the Board. Mr. Bowen provided an overview from the funding agency's perspective. He commented



that additional measures have been put in place for this project to ensure that the project is implemented effectively and successfully. Vice-Chairman Banks then thanks those who provided comments and states that she is just concerned about the work being done correctly for the community.

Mayor Hunter then provided comments to the Board. He provides a brief history of the situation beginning in 2008 when he took office. In summary, the Mayor provided information covering the fact that ADEM has placed the system on a deadline for a resolution to the Environmental Impacts currently being experienced in the community. He stated that the City has pursued many funding opportunities since that time, many of which had been rejected. In 2012, the City was able to obtain a fraction of the funding needed to accomplish the goals of the currently project. Now, funds have been obligated to offer the best chance at a solution the community has been seeking.

Chairman Black thanked everyone for their comments and input, then stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the contract with Sentell.

Vice-Chairman Banks made a motion to approve signing the agreement. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. Voting Nay were Christine Bruno and Callie Sanders. All else voted Aye. The motion passed.

IV. Office Location

Chairman Black then provided an update on the search for a suitable office location for the Board. The Chairman stated that he had been able to locate a potential building that could be a suitable office location. The building is located down the street from City Hall, directly across from the Piggly Wiggly building. Further investigation is needed as to the cost, as well as accessibility issues for the location. Allen Bowen with USDA commented that the building would have to meet all ADA compliance standards prior to use. Chairman Black stated that further research would be done, and results would be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

V. Other Business

a) Asset Transfer

Chairman Black then commented on the need to begin to transfer existing assets and liabilities from the City to the Utilities Board. He stated that he would work to schedule a meeting with the Mayor in order to begin planning that activity.

b) Attorney

Attorney Prince Chestnut then provided the Board with an agreement for services from his law firm. Christine Bruno made a motion to approve the agreement for legal services. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

c) EIN, DUNS, CAGE, SAM

Chairman Black then provided a brief discussion about the need to acquire various ID's and other numbers from a variety of groups in order to be able to move the project forward and for the group to be able to conduct business. The Chairman stated that he intended, with the assistance of the ARWA, to acquire the needed numbers within the next 30 days. He then stated he would provide an update at the next Board meeting.

d) EOS Letter of Intent to Vacate

Emefa Butler with the City of Uniontown then presented to the Board a Letter of Intent to Vacate from the current management company, EOS. The letter stated that the group would terminate their contract with the City on October 17th of the current year.

A brief discussion about the need for a 3rd Party Management Firm was then had. Allen Bowen with USDA RD stated that the Letter of Conditions for the current project required the utilization of services from a 3rd Party Management Firm. Chairman Black stated that he would work with the ARWA and USDA to work through a transition process from EOS to another management firm. Details covering this process would be researched and presented at a future Board Meeting once better information could be obtained.

e) Board Compensation

Board salaries were then brought into question. Attorney Chestnut explained that Board Compensation was currently outlined in the By-Laws, but he would provide additional options and information at the next Board Meeting.

VI. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Ms. Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Christine Bruno, Treasurer

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

September 24th, 2019

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Vice-Chairman Joyce Banks called to order the regular Board meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:07 AM on September 24th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown Auditorium located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Vice-Chairman Banks opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Vice-Chairman Banks then conducted a Roll Call and determined that a Quorum was present and therefore business could be conducted.

The following persons were present:

- Callie Sanders
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• Clarence Black (initially absent)

Vice-Chairman Banks then informed those in attendance that Chairman Black had been involved in an accident at his home resulting in significant injury to his leg and would not be in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Banks then asked the Secretary of the Board, Ms. Marylin Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting, held on August 13th, 2019. Ms. Miller read the minutes to the room in their entirety. Callie Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Marylin Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Old Business

Vice-Chairman Banks then moved into Old Business.

During this time, Chairman Black entered the meeting and was able to attend for the rest of the meeting.



Chairman Black gave an update on his injury and recovery progress and also stated that he is happy to participate in the meeting, but Vice-Chairman Banks should hold the Chair throughout the remainder of this meeting already underway.

a) Office Building

Vice-Chairman Banks provided an update on the potential office building. Emefa Butler provided a copy of the lease agreement for Board and USDA consideration. USDA Representative Nivory Gordon had also been able to conduct an ADA Compliance review on the property earlier in the week. There were only a few minor items that need attention and would be outlined in a report to be provided by Mr. Gordon. Chairman Black then commented that he had been in contact with two potential contractors that could possibly perform the needed work to the building once the ADA report was available.

Vice-Chairman Banks then stated she would entertain a motion to approve the lease agreement pending Board Attorney review and USDA concurrence. Clarence Black made a motion to approve the lease agreement pending Board Attorney review and USDA concurrence. Marylin Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

b) EIN, DUNS, CAGE, SAM

Chairman Black then provided a brief update on the Board's EIN number. He reported that with the assistance of the ARWA, he had been able to acquire the EIN number. Once funding is acquired, with existing Board minutes and this number, bank accounts can now be opened and checks acquired for those accounts. Work to acquire initial funding for accounts would take place immediately and results will be reported at the next Board Meeting.

c) EOS Letter of Intent to Vacate

Chairman Black then mentioned that he and Allen Bowen with the USDA had been working to set up meetings with EOS in order to work on a contract extension in order to maintain management services through the end of the year. More information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

IV. New Business

Vice-Chairman Banks then moved on to New Business.

Vice-Chairman Banks then introduced and welcomed Ms. Leighhorn, a local resident with an issue to address the Board.

Ms. Leighhorn brought up an issue with water running into her yard from a nearby storm drain.

Emefa Butler then notified the resident that maintenance staff would go out to the property and investigate the complaint in order to seek a resolution to the issue.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Christine Bruno, Treasurer

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown

Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2019

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Chairman Clarence Black called to order the regular Board meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on October 8th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown Auditorium located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Vice-Chairman Banks opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Chairman Black then conducted a Roll Call and determined that a Quorum was present and therefore business could be conducted.

The following Board members were present:

Clarence Black Callie Sanders Christine Bruno Marilyn Miller Joyce Banks

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked the Secretary of the Board, Ms. Marilyn Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 9-24-19. Ms. Miller read the minutes to the room in their entirety. Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the minutes subject to them being corrected to reflect that Christine Bruno was not present, and that Marilyn Miller, Secretary, not Christine Bruno, Treasurer, sign the minutes. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Customer Comments

A concerned citizen requested that the Board consider a company he was contacted by that is confident they can provide a system at a much lower cost. Allen Bowen of USDA asked that a written plan on this system be provided in advance of a meeting to be scheduled in late October, possibly 10-23-19. This meeting will include the project engineers, and the USDA engineer. Joyce Banks asked Mr. Bowen to keep the Board informed.

Another citizen inquired about customer bills and if they contain the actual usage that

coincides with the date the meter was read. An EOS employee advised that is correct. He also advised that customers should consider having their water turned off if they are going to be out of Town for an extended period. The minimum has to be paid every month. Customers can request their meter be checked if they believe it to be in error.

The question was asked if the USDA money can be used to fix the water system. It was explained that these funds are designated for the wastewater system only.

IV. Old Business

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Chairman Black called on Attorney Chestnut to discuss his recommendation letter to the Board regarding the proposed lease with PAD LLC. Mr. Chestnut's recommendation is for the Liquidated Damages portion to be removed, and for the language highlighted in his letter to be added to the COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS section. The Mayor was in attendance and he advised the Board to have Mr. Chestnut make the suggested changes to the lease and give it back to him for review. Joyce Banks made a motion to direct Mr. Chestnut to make the changes, and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Joyce Banks asked Mr. Chestnut to move as quickly as possible in revising the lease.

The project engineer advised he had checked on the water issue concerning Ms. Langhorne that was brought up in an earlier meeting, and that this was a stormwater issue, not an issue for the Board.

V. New Business

Chairman Black informed the Board that he has a \$5,000 check from EOS, and it would be deposited today to an account to be opened for the Board.

Chairman Black asked for an Executive Session necessary for good name and character reasons. Marilyn Miller made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss general reputation and character and Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the Board went into Executive Session.

Joyce Banks made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Marilyn Miller seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Christine Bruno made a motion that subject to USDA approval, the Board approve the resolution prepared by Mr. Chestnut to amend bylaws and approve compensation for Directors pursuant to Code of Alabama 11-50-15. Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

An invoice for Legal Services was presented. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the invoice and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Allen Bowen of USDA addressed the Board concerning the EOS contract and the transfer of assets and liabilities from the City to the Board. Mr. Mike Walraven of EOS has agreed to extend their contract to the end of the year if necessary. He said the assets and liabilities transfer should occur soon and funds will be available to the Board.

Callie Sanders asked that each Board member introduce themselves and advise what District they represent, and this was done. Joyce Banks recommended that all Board members be responsive to customer questions and complaints regardless of the District they represent, and the Board agreed.

Prince Chestnut presented a Rules of Procedure guide for the Board's use in conducting meetings. He advised he has used this guide with other systems and recommended the Board adopt it for their use. Joyce Banks made a motion that the Board adopt these Rules of Procedure subject to USDA concurrence, and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Black asked if there was any other business and a concerned citizen asked that a main phone number for the Board be provided for customers to contact. Emefa Butler advised that this would be done.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary



The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on November 12th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

The following persons were present:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked the Secretary of the Board, Ms. Marilyn Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting held on October 8th, 2019. Ms. Miller read the minutes to the room in their entirety. Attorney Prince Chestnut recommended a few changes and corrections to the minutes. Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the minutes subject to them being changed to include the recommendations mentioned by Attorney Chestnut. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Banking

Chairman Black then introduced Cindy Davis with Cadence Bank to those in attendance and invited her to address the Board. Ms. Davis informed the Board that she will open three (3) bank accounts for the Board once signatures are acquired after the meeting.

IV. Working Session

Chairman Black then mentioned that a working session of the Board will be scheduled on November 25th, 2019, in order to receive a presentation from a Vendor wanting to discuss another possible treatment process that might be able to assist with the environmental issues currently taking place in the area. County Commissioner Ben Eaton mentioned that Ed Morris, with Sentell Engineering, will also attend the meeting.

V. Public Comment

Chairman Black then opened the floor for public comments and questions. Councilwoman Henrietta Jones asked if EOS would still handle the billing since USDA took over the system. She also inquired as to whether the Board would be paying any rent to the City for the use of the office space. She stated that the City was receiving a fee and wasn't anymore.

Allen Bowen with USDA explained that the USDA had not taken over the system and recapped for those in attendance a brief overview of the setup of the new Board. He stated that he and ARWA representatives would be working with EOS in order to transfer management services from the City to the Board.

He states that any rent to be charged to the Board would have to be taken up by the full Council at a future meeting of the City. Mayor Hunter made a few comments about the work being done concerning the separation of the entities. Chairman Black requested a letter of opinion on the matter be drafted from Attorney Chestnut to the City Attorney.

Councilwoman Jones then asked when the Board would be moving out of the City Hall. Chairman Black stated that the Board was actively working on a location, and he had the lease agreement with him.

Rob White with ARWA then provided an update on the work being done to secure a working office location. The location has been identified, and a lease agreement drafted and ready for signatures. Nivory Gordon, with USDA, has conducted an ADA compliance review. Ed Morris, with Sentell engineering, stated that he would go over to the location and begin work drafting construction plans in order to meet the needs of the Board and ensure the building will be in compliance. Mr. White then commented that as soon as those plans are ready, a contractor will need to be located so that the group can begin work on any required construction.

Allen Bowen then commented that he was beginning the work necessary to transfer existing USDA loans to the Board.

Commissioner Ben Eaton then raised a question on whether or not it was legal to charge customers for a minimum bill. Rob White with ARWA commented that based

on the ARWA's experience working with many systems throughout the State, that it was perfectly natural for systems to have a rate structure that included a minimum monthly amount that is charged to customers for the use of water and / or wastewater service. Mr. White then went on to explain more details about typical rate structures.

Chairman Black then moved on to new business. There being none, Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marylin Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Christine Bruno, Treasurer

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The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:08 AM on December 10th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked the Secretary of the Board, Marilyn Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 11-12-19. Ms. Miller read the minutes in their entirety. Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Office Location Updates

Mr. Morris of Sentell Emgineering reported on his inspection of the proposed office building. He noted that the building had a large leak but that leak was repaired last week. Chairman Black said with the rain today it would be a good time to check and confirm it is not leaking. Mr. Morris said that the bathroom was small and would have to be renovated. He felt the electrical wiring appears insufficient and wiring would be needed for computer capability. There is a security system but he was not sure if it is operational. Mr. Morris felt it might cost \$60,000 or more in renovation costs. However, no quotes from contractors have been received yet to get a better idea of the expense. Councilwoman Jones asked the rent amount and Chairman Black advised it is \$500 per



month. A couple of other buildings were discussed as possible locations including the old Western Auto Building and the Union Drug Store which reportedly has mold. Mr. Nivory Gordon of USDA RD was asked if he could look at the buildings after the meeting. He said he had another meeting but time permitting he could. In response to a question regarding the office location, Chairman Black said the office could be moved to a location outside of the City but it would be inconvenient for the customers. Mr. Eaton asked if the office had to be in a commercial zone or could it be located in a residential area. Chairman Black said that a centralized location is what they are seeking and he wants to keep rates as low as possible. Councilwoman Jones asked why it is necessary to move from City Hall. Chairman Black said the USDA RD funds were approved subject to separation from the City. Ms. Banks stated that a lease agreement is in place that has been approved by USDA RD subject to the required repairs and she recommended the Board move forward with what is already in place. There was no disagreement with her recommendation. Nivory Gordon of USDA advised the Board that no USDA grant dollars can be used for improvements on a privately owned building and that actions by the Board in connection with this project are subject to USDA RD concurrence.

IV. EOS Update

EOS representatives were not present. Chris Harmon, representing Rob White of ARWA who had a conflict, advised he had been contacted by Mr. Bowen of USDA and Mr. Bowen said discussions are continuing with Mr. Walraven of EOS on extending the management contract with EOS until other arrangements can be made.

V. Asset Transfer Update

Mr. Harmon also said that Mr. Bowen advised him he is continuing to work on completion of the asset transfer.

Kathy Horne representing Water Management Services, Inc. also reported on behalf of Rob White with ARWA. She stated Mr. White is in the process of transferring all operating permits with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Chairman Black stated the asset transfer needs to be finalized as soon as possible. He said Attorney Prince Chestnut has been working without compensation.

Chairman Black then moved on to other business.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Eaton asked about a proposed alternative system that would eliminate pumping to Demopolis. Chairman Black asked Ed Morris for his comments. Mr. Morris stated he met with the vendor but said this is a new system that is yet to be proven. If it can be



proven to work and the cost can be determined, the Board could consider it along with ADEM and USDA RD.

A discussion was held regarding an amendment of the Lease Agreement and how future repairs to the office building during the lease term should be handled. Kathy Horne stated any repairs beyond the initial renovation necessary for operating purposes are typically the responsibility of the property owner. Attorney Chestnut said he understood the \$500 rent amount was low because the owner was not paying for repairs. Ms. Horne commented she understood the Utilities Board agreed to pay for the renovation costs required for operational purposes, but had also understood that any repairs to the property beyond the initial renovation would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Terrell Gibbs of Corporate Environmental Risk Management (CERM) was recognized by Chairman Black for the purpose of a presentation to the Board explaining the services offered by their company. After discussion and in the interest of time and Mr. Gordon's availability, it was agreed that Board Members Sanders and Black would stay after the meeting and hear the presentation.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:08 AM on December 10th, 2019 at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked the Secretary of the Board, Marilyn Miller, to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 12-10-19. Ms. Miller read the minutes in their entirety. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Office Location Updates

Clarence Black provided an update on office locations. He stated that the current building's rent would go up if work required to bring the building up to standards was done. Another building was also being looked at. This building is located next to the Library. Rent is currently under negation for that space. Updates will be provided at the next board meeting as to the potential for utilizing that space.

IV. EOS Updates

Earlier in the week, The City of Uniontown's City Council had elected not to sign an extension of the EOS management contract. This signed extension is required in order for the Board to have the contract assigned to them, so that money can begin to flow through the Board's bank accounts and asset transfers can begin to take place.

Attorney Prince Chestnutt stated that there was a prior agreement in place that would authorize the Mayor of the City of Uniontown to execute such documents on behalf of the City without full City Council approvals necessary. This agreement was put in place in order for the Mayor to be able to handle everything required to move forward with the 2012 funding the City received. This agreement, plus the fact that the City is out of compliance with USDA due to the lapse in contract should allow for the Mayor to sign the extension and move forward. Attorney Chestnutt and Allen Bowen with USDA stated they would coordinate and work toward getting the extension signed by the Mayor and an assignment of that contract extension drafted and ready to be put in place.

Allen Bowen stated that the EOS contract extension will expire on April 1, 2020 and another management firm needs to be selected by then.

Attorney Chestnutt stated that once the contract assignement is in place, he will begin the process of drafting a request for proposals in order to advertise for and acquire a replacement full time third party management firm.

V. Other Business

Clarence Black stated that he had been contacted by Sentell Engineering requesting a time-line on when they can begin to receive payment. Allen Bowen stated that once the contract extension is signed and assigned to the Board the USDA can move forward with establishing mechanisms for payment.

A citizen raised a question about Sentell's expenses. Allen Bowen takes a few minutes to explain the process to those in attendance. Mr. Bowen goes into detail about the existing expenses that are owed for work performed on the new project so far.

The citizen stated that she did not feel going to Demopolis was a good idea. Chairman Black made comment that the Board and all stakeholders would be seeking the best possible solution during the process of implementing the funding USDA and other State agencies and local groups had made available to help the folks of Uniontown.

Mr. Ben Eaton asked if Sentell is charging twice for work they were doing. Allen Bowen stated that controls were in place that made it impossible for a vendor to charge double for work done with the project.

Attorney Chestnutt requested Chairman Black get a motion for him to proceed with drafting documents required for the contract assignment.

Chairman Black requested that motion. Joyce Banks made the motion. Christine Bruno seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Christine Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Banks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:19 AM on February 11th, 2020 at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Office Location Updates

Chairman Black advised the Board on the repairs to be done on the proposed office location based on Mr. Morris of Sentell Engineering's list. Rob White of ARWA said the draft lease agreement needs to be reviewed by the attorney and USDA. The attorney advised that the requested rent amount was \$900 per month but the Board can make a smaller offer. RobWhite also said that the owner is flexible on terms and the Board could consider a counter offer. He said the date to occupy needs to be the sooner the better. Allen Bowen of USDA said that the Board could approve it subject to USDA and attorney review, and he can provide a very quick turnaround for the USDA



concurrence. Rob White said the Board could approve up to a certain amount. Chairman Black asked if it could be effective next month and Rob White said yes it was possible. A citizen asked if this was the Western Auto building and if so wasn't the roof leaking? Chairman Black stated that no leaks had been noticed during two inspections. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the Tyrone Brown (Western Auto) lease up to a maximum of \$900 per month pending USDA and Board approval and Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. EOS Update

Allen Bowen stated he spoke with Mike Walraven of EOS and he is concerned about EOS employees working on City property that is in the process of beong transferred to the Board. Allen. Bowen suggested that the Board attorney work with the EOS attorney to modify the contract transfer agreement and address these concerns. Joyce Banks made a motion that the Board attorney work with the EOS attorney and agree on what is needed. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

V. Asset Transfer Update

The Board attorney advised they have drafted a couple of documents to facilitate the transfer from Uniontown to the Board. Allen Bowen advised the Board that as soon as the transfer agreement is executed, the Board will be the operating entity running the facility and all accounts are to be transferred, not new accounts.

Allen Bowen informed the Board that the 2012 USDA loan was a General Obligation Bond. The Board cannot legally have debt under a General Obligation bond and will have to issue a revenue bond instead. The good news is that during this process the interest rate on the 2012 loan will be reduced to 1.65% from 2.125%.

Chairman Black then moved on to other business.

VI. Other Business

Prince Chestnut recommended an audit of customers to make sure each residence and business has its own meter and that everybody is paying. Allen Bowen said that the USDA assistance comes with a requirement that each customer must have their own meter. Those who are receiving their water through someone else's meter will have to pay for their own meter and service connection. ARWA will be asked to locate each meter and to look for leaks. Workout agreements may be considered for customers who are seriously delinquent. Allen Bowen said that the Board would have to adopt Service Rules and Regulations. He said that a rental agreement with the City will be required until the building is ready and he hoped that the City would take into consideration that the Board is collecting garbage fees for the City.

Two representatives of Alabama Power were in attendance. New accounts will be established and they will need the New tax ID Number. Allen Bowen said that the Alabama power debt will not transfer and the power bills up to the date of transfer will go to the City. The Alabama Power reps said that the meter deposit required of the Board would be \$28,735. They did say options could be discussed and they are willing to work through issues with the Board. They have a Community Relations Manager who could not be in attendance today but who will be able to work with the Board. Emefa ? said she has the contact information. Marilyn Miller made a motion to authorize Chairman Black, with the assistance of ARWA, to take action necessary for all required accounts and permits. Joyce Banks seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.

Prince Chestnut asked if he can start the process for securing management bids and Allen Bowen confirmed that. Joyce Banks made a motion to proceed with the bid process and authorize David Norton as primary person regarding the bid process. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

A representative of Terry Tyson updated the Board on current water loss figures. Loss has been as high as 55% and is averaging 35%. He also updated the Board on some current isues involving the water meters. He said that Linden wants to enter into a water purchase contract with the Board after the transfer takes place. Allen Bowen said that USDA has a form for the contract and it will have to be used. Mr. Tyson's rep said that the Board will have approximately fifty sewer customers on Airport Rd. that require a pump at each house which the utility has to replace when needed, not the customer. The pumps are a significant expense that the Board will want to address in the future. Allen Bowen said they could possibly be set up in the budget as a short lived asset.

Rob White advised the Board of a program through ARWA that offers insurance at a nominal monthly cost to protect customers that have a high bill due to a leak.

A Council member asked for information about Board member terms and pay and was advised the City Clerk has a copy of the Board's bylaws.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:19 AM on April 14th, 2020 via conference call.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Marily Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Office Location Updates

Chairman Black advised the Board on the repairs to be done on the proposed office location. The discussion of the building work done to it before being able to move in and be comfortable. After discussion Ms. Banks made a motion to sign the contract as presented and move forward; Ms. Miller seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Black asked Allen Bowen and Rob White did they have anything to say at the time. Allen Bowen thanked everyone of everything they doing and they are moving in the right direction. Rob also reminded the board they needed to secure some D & O

Insurance. Prince Chestnut has found a company (Owen Peak Insurance). Prince said he will have him join the call.

David Norton said there was an issue with the request for proposal for management services and doesn't feel it is ready for bidders. He said before signing any agreements there need to be a clause stating something to reduce liability for any management company that might bid on the project.

Prince said he had Owen Peak on the line and it would be good to let him talk. Vice Chairman gave the floor to Owen.

Rob asked about the process to get a quote to start service. Owen said he needed to know who would be the Point of Contact and the person to sign the contract. Rob let him know that Clarence Black would be the Primary and back up would be Rob White. He and Rob would talk separately after the call. Allen Bowen spoke up to remind them to review the letter of conditions because there are certain insurance requirements stipulated therein.

IV. Asset Transfer Update

Rob White said they would need to make sure the permit transfer to the board. He also stated there would need to be two signatures required and the official transfer date. Ms. Banks made a motion to approve the transfer and pay fees; seconded by Ms. Miller. The motion was approved.

Chairman Black then moved on to other business.

V. Other Business

Corey Martin presented Monthly Operating Report. The water loss reported to ADEM for March was 47.9%.

Ms. Banks commented and said next time make sure everyone has the right number to call in. Ms. Miller said she will make sure for the next meeting everyone has the correct information.

The board then realized they didn't take action on David Norton recommendations so Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the recommendations of David Norton and Ms. Banks seconded; the motion carried.

Ben Eaton requested to be on the next agenda along with Ms. Dillard.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

VI. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Marylin Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Clarence Black

Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

THIS MEETING was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference. Acknowledgment of people who were on the teleconference meeting and board members in attendance were Chairman Black, Directors Miller, Bruno and Sanders and a quorum was firmly established. Absent was Director Banks. Invocation by Chairman Black at 10:23 am.

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regul<u>ar meeting of The Waterworks</u> and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:24 AM <u>on August 20, 2020</u>, at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller

Absent from the meeting were:

• Joyce Banks

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black then asked for approval of the agenda for this meeting. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

TV. Management Transition Updates

Kathy Horne with WMS, Inc. provided an update on the transition between management companies. After two weeks of effort, work had been completed to set up all formerly existing staff members with payroll and benefits associated with WMS. More work is underway to transfer vendor accounts and establish an understandin g of expenses that will allow for detailed financial reports beginning at, hopefully, the next regular board meeting in September. Also noted was that, although there was a bit of confusion due to lack of a formal agreement between the City and the Board for the service of collecting garbage, the City had been issued a partial payment for garbage collection for the period extending to August 14th, 2020.

V. EOS Updates

Rob White with ARWA then provided an update to the Board. He reported that the process for obtaining insurance was well underway and that he had been working on a daily basis with agent Owen Peak to answer questions from carriers as they arrived. Quotes should be available for consideration very soon.

Mr. White also reported that, through efforts involving many partners of the project, Alabama Power had agreed to waive the ~\$30,000 deposit fee and that account transfers would be set up immediately.

Mr. White then provided a brief update from the field operations. ARWA staff had worked closely with Uniontown field staff to identify 14 water leaks, of which 4 have been repaired. Repaired leaks are estimated at 80 gallons per minute of water loss stopped. The remaining leaks are estimated to be leaking between 150 - 167 gallons per minute and are being scheduled for repair.

VI. Old Business

Moving to Old Business, Attorney Prince Chestnut brought to the board the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) representing a transitional contract between WMS, Inc. and the Board to cover the transition between EOS and WMS management through October 3, 2020. Attorney Chestnut read aloud the salient points of the agreement to the board. Chairman Black called for discussion from the board. There was none and a vote was called. A request for a motion was made. Miller moved to approve it, a second from Sanders. The measure failed to pass by a vote of 2 - 2 with Bruno and Sanders opposing and Miller and Black voting yes.

Rob White with ARWA stated that without a management company in place, the project would not meet USDA requirements and the grant funding would be in jeopardy

of being lost. Also, there would be no management structure in place to manage or pay staff.

Chairman Black asked the board for a plan in order to move forward. The Board requested a 15 minute recess in which they could individually review the MOU and come back to the table for discussion.

Miller made a motion at 10:50 AM that the board enter into a recess until 11:05 AM. Sanders seconded and the motion passed.

Miller made a motion at 11:07 AM that the board return from recess and the meeting resume. Sanders seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then elected to move through the remaining business on the agenda and then return to the MOU discussion at the end of the meeting.

VII. New Business

Moving to New Business, Attorney Chestnut then presented a draft MOU outlining a contract for garbage billing services between the City and the Board. Kathy Home with WMS stated she had a few additions to add to the document for consideration of the board. Rob White with AR.WA also stated the document would require USDA approval prior to any Board action.

Attorney Chestnut advised the MOU for Garbage Billing services would be brought back to the Board at a later meeting once revisions and USDA concurrence was obtained for consideration of the Board.

A discussion concerning future Board meetings was then held. Mr. White commented that at future meetings, formal reports would be covered and it would be important that each Board member be able to not only hear, but see information during the meeting. The members were individually asked and it was the consensus of the Board that future meetings continue to be held remotely. Each member then provided his or her preference as to how they would like to receive those materials for use at future meetings.

VIII. Other Business

The Board then returned to the discussion of the MOU covering the transition period for management services. Director Bruno stated that a current lack of detail into the financial status of the Board caused concern that all vendors would not be paid during the transition. Kathy Home stated that while there could be no guarantee at present that current revenue would be sufficient to pay every vendor timely, the intent of management would be to assist the Board in meeting all of its obligations in both a complete and timely manner. There would be additional time needed in order to gain a full understanding of

the Board's obligation to vendors, as well as additional obligations not yet known, i.e. - Insurance premiums, etc.

Director Bruno then made a motion to approve the interim agreement for management subject to WMS consulting with the Chairman or Directors of the Board on meeting financial bills and obligations.

After a discussion for clarity on the wording of the motion, Director Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Clarence Black

Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary

THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF UNIONTOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING BY CONFERENCE CALL September 8th, 2020

- I. Call to Order and Invocation
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Comments from the Public
- V. Approval of the Minutes August 20th, 2020 Board Meeting
- VI. Management Report
 - A. Financial Report
 - **B.** Operations Report
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Harvest Select
 - B. Insurance Coverage
 - C. Service Rules and Regulations
 - D. Garbage MOU Update
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Other Business

Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown

Revenue and Expenses

Board Meeting on September 8, 2020

Board Mee	eting on September 8	3, 2020		······	<u> </u>
As	of August 31, 2020			Overdue Bills	Alaba
Description	August 2020	September 2020	Total	from Prior Months	Depo Waiv
Balance Forward	· ··· ·· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ·				
Cash Basis					
Income					
Water Sales	42,576.94		\$ 42,576.94		
Utility Privilege Tax	1,533.29		\$ 1,533.29		
Sewer Services	35,610.34		\$ 35,610.34		
Late Fees	2,835.46		\$ 2,835.46		
Reconnection Fee	964.70		\$ 964.70		
Connection Fee			\$-		
Meter Install Fee	650.00		\$ 650.00		
Return Check Fee	45.00		\$ 45.00		
Miscellaneous Income			\$		
Total Revenue	\$ 84,215.73	\$ -	\$ 84,215.73		
Other Income					-
Total Income	\$ 84,215.73	\$	\$ 84,215.73		
Expenses					
Board of Directors Expense			\$-	\$ 19,855.00	
Board Travel Expense			\$ -		
Power · Forniss St Lagoon HD Wrks			\$ -	\$ 183.14	\$ 6
Power · West Ave Lift Station #2			\$ -	\$ 478.63	\$ 13
Power · Co Rd 53 Cahaba Lift Station			\$ -	\$ 515.84	\$ 16
Power · Parnell Dr Lift Station #1			\$ -	\$ 289.63	\$ 18
Power · Rabbit Yard Lift Station			\$-	\$ 463.38	\$ 20
Power · Co Rd 53 Lift Station #3			\$-	\$ 592.79	\$ 20
Power · Jones & Langhorn Lift Station			\$-	\$ 520.83	\$ 16
Power · Canebreak St Lift Station			\$-	\$ 2,036.51	\$ 67
Power · Co Rd 53 Lift Station #3			\$-	\$ 1,624.31	\$ 1,08
Power · Front St City Well			\$-	\$ 3,474.54	\$ 1,29
•			s -	\$ 14,044.34	
Power · James Ave Well					
Power · Forniss St Lagoon HD Wrks			\$ -	\$ 36,014.13	\$ 14,08
Field Supplies Expense			\$ -		
Nater Testing Lab Expense			\$ -		1
Nater System Repairs & Maintenance			\$-		
Sewer System Repairs & Maintenance			\$-		
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance			\$-		
Diesel Fuel			\$-	4	
Construction Expense			\$-	\$ 855.00	
Jtility Privilege Tax	1,173.68		\$ 1,173.68	(
Postage Expense			\$-		ļ
Office Supplies Expense	172.65		\$ 172.65		
egal Fees			\$-	\$ 20,983.00	
Management Service Fee	A 4 949 99		\$ -	6 101 001 07	A 00.54
otal Expenses	\$ 1,346.33	<u> </u>	\$ 1,346.33	\$ 101,931.07	\$ 29,54
Gross Profit (Loss)	\$ 82,869.40	\$-	\$ 82,869.40		
Transfer to Reserve Account			\$ -		
Transfer to Short Lived Assets Account	A 00.000 10	•	<u>\$</u> -		
Profit (Loss)	\$ 82,869.40	<u> </u>	\$ 82,869.40		
Garbage Fees Collected	\$ 22,998.24				
Sarbage Fees Paid	\$ 16,883.13		BF (b, b,		
Bank Accounts	August 2020	September 2020	Monthly Transfer		
Derating Account	\$ 163,628.95	•			
Customer Refundable Deposits	\$ (75.00)				
Reserve Fund Acct	\$ 19,957.29		\$		
Short Lived Assets Account	\$ 153,379.50		* <u></u>		
Construction Account	\$ 100,079.00 \$ -				
	Ψ -				

Wat	terworks and Sewer Board of the City of Bills Paid August 2020	of I	Uniontow	/n	
Bills	Description		Amount	Date Paid	Check No.
Alabama Dept of Revenue	Utility Privilege Tax	\$	1,173.68	08/07/20	Draft
AC Deluxe Business Systems	Deposit Tickets	\$	172.65	08/10/20	Bank Draft
	Sub-Total Bills Paid	\$	1,346.33		
City of Uniontown	July-August Garbage Fees Collected - payment 1	\$	16,883.13	08/19/20	1008
Total Bills Paid	TOTAL	\$	18,229.46		

Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Reserve Bank Accounts Activity August 31, 2020

Cadence Bank

Reserve Fund Acct	x2951	······································	
Description	Receipt Date	EFT/CK Date	Amount
Previous Balance	8/1/2020		\$ 19,957.29
Monthly Reserve Transfer	None		
Balance as of	8/31/2020		\$ 19,957.29

Short Lived Assets Account	x2969			
Description	Receipt Date	Check Date		Amount
Previous Balance	8/1/2020		\$	153,379.50
No Activity			1	·····
Balance as of	8/31/2020		\$	153,379.50

Construction Account	x6424		·····
Description	Receipt Date	Check Date	Amount
Previous Balance	8/1/2020		\$
No Activity			
Balance as of	8/31/2020		\$

Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Bills to be Paid

September 8, 2020

Bills	Description		Amount	Date Paid	Check No
Alabama Dept of Revenue	Utility Privilege Tax	;	\$ 1,173.68	09/04/20	Draft
Alabama Power	Forniss St Lagoon HD Wrks, 11312-31056		\$ 183.14	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	West Ave Lift Station #2, 06752-06069		\$ 478.63	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Co Rd 53 Cahaba Lift Station, 20314-57013	:	\$ 515.84	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Parnell Dr Lift Station #1, 43390-68016		\$ 289.63	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Rabbit Yard Lift Station, 04838-03096	5	\$ 463.38	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Co Rd 53 Lift Station #3, 14310-26033	\$	592.79	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Jones & Langhorn Lift Station, 47134-31017	\$	520.83	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Canebreal St Lift Station, 31634-39015	g	\$ 2,036.51	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Co Rd 53 Lift Station #3, 57314-42019	\$	5 1,624.31	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Front St City Well, 96884-30014	\$	3,474.54	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	James Ave Well, 84154-37015	\$	14,044.34	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Power	Forniss St Lagoon HD Wrks, 40164-37016	\$	36,014.13	09/14/20	1023
Alabama Rural Water Association	One year membership	\$	550.00	09/08/20	1021
Board - Christine Bruno	January-March 2020 Director's Fees	\$	1,200.00	09/08/20	1009
Board - Clarence Black	January-March 2020 Director's Fees	\$	1,800.00	09/08/20	1010
Board - Joyce Banks	January-March 2020 Director's Fees	\$	1,200.00	09/08/20	1011
Board - Marilyn Miller	January-March 2020 Director's Fees	\$	1,200.00	09/08/20	1012
3oard - Callie Sanders	January-March 2020 Director's Fees	\$	1,200.00	09/08/20	1013
C Lynch & Associates	Field Service (9/1/20)	\$	800.00	09/08/20	1014
Chestnut Law	Attorney Fees (Aug 19-Mar 20)	\$	12,040.50	09/08/20	1015
City of Uniontown - Reimbursement	August Postage for 8/26/20 mailing	\$	333.45	09/08/20	10 1 6
ace Analytical (TTL)	TUSC Field Tech Charges	\$	63.85	09/08/20	1017
ace Analytical (TTL)	Analytical Testing of Water (due 8/14/20)	\$	328.05	09/08/20	1017
ace Analytical (TTL)	Analytical Testing of Water (due 8/27/20)	\$	328.05	09/08/20	1017
entell Engineering	Preparation of 2019 MWPP Report	\$	855.00	09/08/20	1022
Vater Management Services, Inc.	Operations and Management Services (based on EOS)	\$	27,323.65	09/08/20	1018
Vater Management Services, Inc.	Reimbursables for August 2020	\$	861.17	09/08/20	1018
aste & Water Specialities	150# Chlorine Cylinders	\$	550.00	09/08/20	1019
liggins Electric, LLC	Troubleshoot Sewer Pumps, labor and mileage	\$	648.00	09/08/20	1020
I	Sub-Total Bills Paid	\$	111,495.47		
ity of Lipioptown	Carbona Fana Callastad (Aur. 15.05, 0000)	ـــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ			
ity of Uniontown	Garbage Fees Collected (Aug 15-25, 2020) TOTAL	\$	3,308.56	09/08/20	1024



OPERATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

PRODUCTION DETAILS		
REPORT PERIOD	GALLONS PUMPED & PURCHASED	GALLONS SOLD
August 2020	24,532,000 Pumped // No Purchase	13,483,883 (billing system issue, this number is a 3-month average)
PERCENT LOSS (TOTAL)	PERCENT LOSS (ADJUS	TED FOR LEAKS, FLUSHING, ETC)
45%	30% after Adjustmen	nt of 3,575,200
SYSTEM USER UPDATE		
# NEW CUSTOMERS	# SERVICES DISCONNECTED	# METERS PULLED
5	4	1 (Non-Payment, Reconnected)
# CUT-OFFS	# METERS REPLACED	
120	3 (Register/Retro On	ly)
Notes:		
SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS		

	RESOLUTION	WHERE	WHEN	DESCRIPTION
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-				

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THIS MONTH'S SAMPLING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DETECTED	VIOLATION (Y/N)	COMMENTS
DS Res 1	Ν	Ν	Distribution Residential Sample #1
DS Res 2	Ν	Ν	Distribution Residential Sample #2
DS Res 3	Ν	Ν	Distribution Residential Sample #3
DS Res 4	Ν	Ν	Distribution Residential Sample #4
DS Res 5	N	N	Distribution Residential Sample #5
DS Raw 1	Ν	Ν	Distribution Raw (City Hall Well)
DS Raw 2	Ν	Ν	Distribution Raw (James Ave Well)

UPCOMING SAMPLE INFORMATION						
DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE	COMMENTS				
Nitrate	12/31/2020	Must be completed by end of 2020				
	Date					

STATUS SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

On 7-23, the City Hall Well Motor failed. Sheppard Electric was contacted, and a crew came and took the motor to their shop. Repairs are underway, but the well is still down at present. The water system should not experience an outage if the James Avenue well continues to operate without issue.

Leaks known (100-150 GPM):

- 1. Hwy 61 next to the cemetery Unknown line leak waiting for state permit or contractor to assess the job.
- 2. 4. Downtown Hwy 61 near (Cadence Bank) Unknown leak waiting for project to start before fixing.
- 3. Woodlawn Baptist Church Co Rd 12 ³/₄ service line leaking
- 4. Susan Horn Co Rd 12 Main leaking
- 5. Vailen Access Rd & Co Rd 12 Main leaking
- 6. Rd to Right of St. Mary Church Leak

Leaks repaired (150 GPM):

- 1. 155 Rabbit Ave Fixed 1-inch main line
- 2. Pitts & Broadway Intersection Fixed 4-inch Bell leaking
- 3. AT&T on Franklin St. Fixed ³/₄ inch main line and service line leaking
- 7. Airport Rd Leak Fixed ³/₄ inch service line leaking.
- 8. Gamma Ln Fixed ³/₄ inch service line leaking
- 9. Old Greensboro Rd Fixed ³/₄ inch service line leaking
- 10. Hwy 80 Jimmy Sealy Field 2-inch bell leaking
- 11. Lucian St. Fixed ³/₄ inch service line leaking
- 12. Hwy 80 across the street form Pruitt Oil Fixed -Old ³/₄ inch service line leaking



OPERATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

PRODUCTION DETAILS		
REPORT PERIOD		GALLONS TREATED
August 2020		.51 to 1.08 MGD
LAGOON RAINFALL TOTALS FOR July (5.49in) August (4.88in)	R PERIOD	
INFLUENT FLOW (TOTAL)	EFFLUENT FLOW (TOTAL)	
Comments:	As of approximately the 10 th of July one of the flow meters have stopped functioning which will probably result in a monitoring equipment failure for the August 2020 DMR	
	Data from One Flow meter was used to estimate flow for July and the August 2020 DMR.	

SSO'S/WORKER ORDERS COMPLETED						
DESCRIPTION	WHEN	WHERE	RESOLUTION			

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THIS MONTH'S SAMPLING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DETECTED	VIOLATION (Y/N)	COMMENTS
2x Monthly Influent/Effluent		Ν	
1x Monthly Upstream/Downstream		Ν	

UPCOMING SAMPLE INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE	COMMENTS
	Date	

STATUS SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump
 - 1. Lift Station #1 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
 - 2. Lift Station #3 145 Freetown Rd (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
 - 3. Lift Station #? 461 Old Greensboro Road (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
 - 4. Lift Station #? 1728 West Ave (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
 - 5. Lift Station #? 202 Omega Lane (Needs 1 2HP PUMP)

Shepard electric is scheduled to come and review lift stations and provide quotes for replacement pumps and repairs in September.

CC Lynch and Associates reviewed the broken flow meter and found that a sensor was out. The part is ordered and once in they will return to repair the broken flow meter.

Uniontown – Riverkeeper Progress Update

Facilitated by the Alabama Rural Water Association





Meeting Contents

- Where We Agree
- What We Don't Know
- Where Data and Assessments Differ
 - Legal Responsibility
 - Specific Riverkeeper Comments
 - From Letter to Atty Chestnut, dated 6-9-2020
 - Harvest Select Contributions
 - Lagoon Inflow Evaluation
- Current Activities and Plans Moving Forward

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Where We Agree

ARWA perceives that it shares the common goal of the group that the wastewater issues in Uniontown be solved in a way that results in compliant wastewater service that benefits the region in a positive way, including economic sustainability and potential growth, as well as a safe and clean environment for the citizens of Uniontown and its surrounding areas.

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What We Don't Know

- Discharge input values of anyone other than Harvest Select.
 - The ARWA is in the process of investigating these values and will be able to provide a report to the board as soon as each account can be evaluated and processed.
 - This results on the usage of assumptions based on arbitrary data available at a general level; i.e. – statements from subject matter experts, engineering estimates, other typically available studies that attempt to estimate usage requirements. Most of which are generally reliable.
 - For the sake of continuing the conversation, we will rely on these assumptions (defined later) until real data can be acquired.



Where Data and Assessments Differ

Legal Responsibility

• The Riverkeepers and those they partner with and / or represent are petitioning the newly formed Board in order to make a determination as to what, if any restrictions or deletions of input would be imposed through an SID Permit issued to Harvest Select.

• The Board is not, at present, the permittee for the City of Uniontown's wastewater treatment process. Therefore, they cannot legally have an opinion that would impact any SID Permit, either existing or under consideration. The legal representative is the City of Uniontown.

• With that said, it is imminent that a permit transfer will take place. So, we will move forward under the understanding that the Board will be the legal authority of this process very soon.



Specific Riverkeeper Comments From Letter to Atty Chestnut, dated 6-9-2020:

• Uniontown waste contribution assumptions:

As I mentioned on the call, we hope that the Board will make public any technical information it relies upon to make a decision. As I also mentioned, we have calculated a rough approximation of the capacity the Uniontown Lagoon may have remaining for industrial dischargers like Harvest Select. Mark O. Barnett, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE, and Professor of Environmental Engineering and Associate Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering at Auburn University was kind enough to share some standard assumptions that engineers rely upon to determine plant capacity in these circumstances. In the U.S., the average per capita water use is ~180 gal per person per day (including personal, industrial, municipal uses), and one could reasonably estimate that ~85% of that will end up back in the sewer. From the design capacity and an average estimate of the amount of wastewater the community will generate based on this rule of thumb, one can estimate of how much excess capacity is available (not accounting for the infiltration/inflow).¹ Our staff scientist John Kinney, an environmental engineer, performed the calculations below.

Based on this rule of thumb number of 180 gallons per person per day and a population estimate for the city of Uniontown from Wikepedia (this assumes all residents are connected to water/sewer, which may make this estimate slightly high) of 2,260 people (according to a 2018 census estimate), 406,800 gallons of water are used per day. If 85% of that total is returned to the sewer based on this rule of thumb, that means approximately 345,780 gallons of capacity are being used by the populace, leaving (525,000 gallons - 345,780 = 179,220) about 180,000 gallons for industrial users (again, not taking into account the infiltration/inflow that we all acknowledge occurs during storm events).

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Where Data and Assessments Differ

The ARWA disagrees with the amount of assumed waste input into the lagoon system from this analysis. In July 2020, Uniontown billed 818 sewer customers. The ARWA does not currently have enough confidence in the customer management and billing system to simply accept that number as fact, so let's round that to 900 for this discussion. The amount of wastewater suggested by the Riverkeepers is 153 gallons per day per person. (85% of 180 gal/day/person). *This amount, if accurately represented, accounts for Industrial users as well.*

In the U.S., the average per capita water use is ~ 180 gal per person per day (including personal, industrial, municipal uses), and one could reasonably estimate that ~85% of that will end up back in the sewer.

If this assumed value already accounts for industrial users, then additional Harvest Select data would be irrelevant. However, while a significant study of the customer base and historical discharge values for each customer is underway, the ARWA would suggest the following assumed discharge values, based on the following table.

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SEWAGE FLOW RATE ESTIMATING GUIDE

(Range and Typical are shown in gallons per unit)

Estimates are based on US standards for water usage and sewage strength.

Typical Wastewater Flow Rates from Commercial Sources

Source	Unit	Range	Typical
Airport	Passenger	2-4	3
Auto Service Station	Vehicle Served	7-13	10
	Employee	9-15	12
Bar	Customer	1-5	3
	Employee	10-16	13
Department Store	Toilet Room	400-600	500
	Employee	7-13	10
Industrial Building	Employee	7-16	13
(Sanitary Waste Only)			
Laundry (Self-Serve)	Machine	450-650	550
	Wash	45-55	50
Office	Employee	7-16	13
Restaurant	Meal	2-4	3
Shopping Center	Employee	7-13	10
	Parking Space	1-2	2

Typical Wastewater Flow Rates from Residential Sources

Source	Unit	Range	Typical
Apartment, High-Rise	Person	35-75	50
Low Rise	Person	50-80	65
Hotel	Guest	30-55	45
Individual Residence			
Typical Home	Person	45-90	70
Better Home	Person	60-100	80
Luxury Home	Person	75-150	95
Older Home	Person	30-60	45
Summer Cottage	Person	25-50	40
Motel			
with Kitchen	Unit	90-180	100
without kitchen	Unit	75-150	95
Mobile Home Park	Person	30-50	40

https://www.pollutioncontrolsystem.com/Uploads/images/Pag es/SEWAGE%20FLOW%20RATE%20ESTIMATING%20GUIDE %20Nov%202014 20170105.pdf

Typical Wastewater Flow Rates from Institutional Sources

Source	Unit	Range	Typical
Hospital, Medical	Bed	125-240	155
	Employee	5-15	10
Hospital, Mental Health	Bed	75-140	100
	Employee	5-15	10
Correctional Institution (Prison)	Inmate	75-150	115
	Employee	5-15	10
Rest Home	Resident	50-120	85
School, day			
w/ cafeteria, gym, & showers	Student	15-30	25
w/ cafeteria only	Student	10-20	15
no cafeteria; no gym	Student	5-17	11
School, boarding	Student	50-100	75

Typical Wastewater Flow Rates from Recreational Sources

Source	Unit	Range	Typical
Apartment, Resort	Person	50-70	60
Cabin, Resort	Person	8-50	40
Cafeteria	Customer	1-3	2
	Employee	8-12	10
Campground (developed)	Person	20-40	30
Cocktail Lounge	Seat	12-25	20
Coffee Shop	Customer	4-8	6
	Employee	8-12	10
Country Club	Member Present	60-130	100
	Employee	10-15	13
Day Camp (no meals)	Person	10-15	13
Dining Hall	Meal Served	4-10	7
Dormitory	Person	20-50	40
Hotel, Resort	Person	40-60	50
Store, Resort	Customer	1-4	3
	Employee	8-12	10
Swimming Pool	Customer	5-12	10
	Employee	8-12	10
Theatre	Seat	2-4	3
Visitor Center	Visitor	4-8	5

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• From the previous table, if using the typical wastewater flow rate from 'better home' residential sources, we can assume an average of 80 gallons per person per day. Using the typical 2.63 person / household calculation (PEW Research Center – 10-1-2019 → <u>https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/01/the-number-of-people-in-the-average-u-s-household-is-going-up-for-the-first-time-in-over-160-years/</u>), and the knowledge that Uniontown billed 818 sewer customers in July (which we'll round up to 900 for discussion), the estimated wastewater discharge for Uniontown would be

 80 gallons per person per day *2.63 persons per home = 210.4 gallons per home per day * 900 homes =
 189,360 gallons per day of wastewater input into the system, or 36% of the design capacity.

• This would leave 64% of design capacity for other uses, or 335,640 gallons per day of additional available treatment capacity.

• The ARWA understands that these assumptions represent a significant difference in opinion. We also understand that we don't know what the actual input is and will not until a granular study of accounts is completed. However, the ARWA would operate under the assumption described above until such study is complete and a better understanding can be extracted from real data.

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Where Data and Assessments Differ

- Harvest Select Contributions
- The Riverkeepers assert the following:

As Harvest Select's own self-reported data demonstrates (Exh. 2 to our May 12, 2020 letter), the catfish processor is using much more than the estimated 180,000 gallons per day of the Lagoon's estimated remaining capacity. According to the DMRs they file with ADEM every month (id.), Harvest Select averages about 307,000 gallons per month and its peak flows are larger than the total 525,000 gallons per day capacity of the Uniontown Lagoon.

• Upon a study of DMR's gathered from ADEM's e-file system by the ARWA, we found during the period covering April 2017 (when Harvest Select installed metering on their effluent contributions to the Uniontown Wastewater System) through June 2020, only in one month did Harvest Select contribute an amount similar to what the Riverkeepers assert. The amount of average daily discharge reported for the month of March 2020 was 0.308 MGD. <u>The average monthly</u> <u>discharge covering the period of 4-2017 through 6-2020 is 0.186 MGD.</u>

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Date	HS Avg	% of Permitted Lagoon Capacity	HS Max
Jun-20	0.112	21%	0.227
May-20	0.117	22%	0.284
Apr-20	0.210	40%	0.486
Mar-20	0.308	59%	0.463
Feb-20	0.233	44%	0.432
Jan-20	0.228	43%	0.796
Dec-19	0.120	23%	0.299
Nov-19	0.184	35%	0.326
Oct-19	0.211	40%	0.390
Sep-19	0.173	33%	0.284
Aug-19	0.224	43%	0.363
Jul-19	0.190	36%	0.329
Jun-19	0.235	45%	0.517
May-19	0.167	32%	0.397
Apr-19	0.237	45%	0.537
Mar-19	0.225	43%	0.403
Feb-19	0.238	45%	0.403
Jan-19	0.195	37%	0.457
Dec-18	0.196		0.418
Nov-18	0.172	33%	0.279
Oct-18	0.150	29%	0.298
Sep-18	0.218	42%	0.535
Aug-18	0.156	30%	0.270
Jul-18	0.146	28%	0.310
Jun-18	0.199	38%	0.543
May-18	0.193	37%	0.478
Apr-18	0.229	44%	0.616
Mar-18	0.205	39%	0.614
Feb-18	0.261	50%	0.782
Jan-18	0.235	45%	0.281
Dec-17	0.159	30%	0.411
Nov-17	0.123	23%	0.320
Oct-17	0.155		0.517
Sep-17	0.136	26%	0.337
Aug-17	0.134	26%	0.254
Jul-17	0.129	25%	0.341
Jun-17	0.185	35%	0.490
May-17	0.120	23%	0.214
Apr-17	0.139	26%	0.307

Harvest Select DMR Monthly Averages 4/2017 thru 6/2020

From the data reported, the monthly reported average daily flow quantified by Max, Min and Average Flow values in millions of gallons per day (MGD) are as follow:

Max	Min	Average
0.308	0.112	0.186

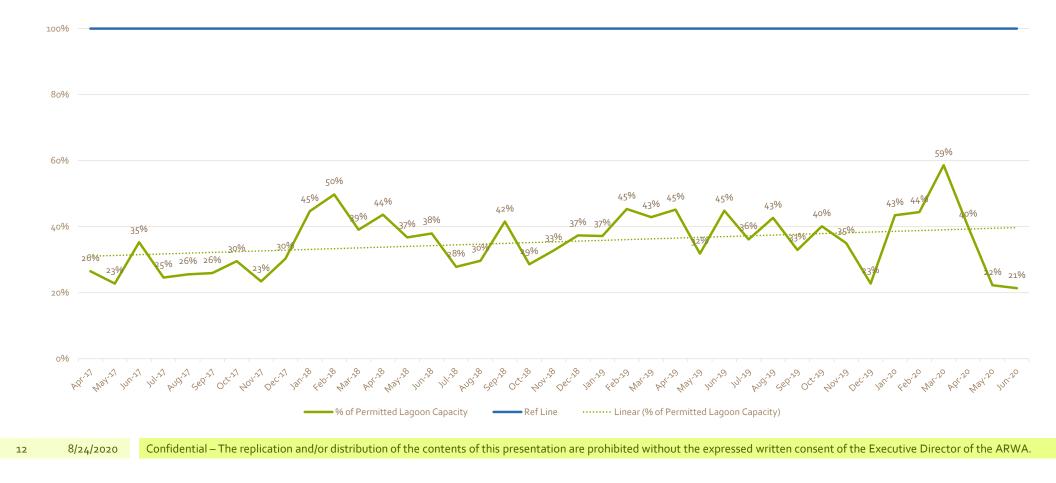
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Harvest Select Monthly Average Discharge as a percentage of Lagoon Permitted Capacity (Average 35% over time displayed below)

120%



• The Riverkeepers make a couple of additional statements in their letter I'd like to bring to the attention of the group.

- "The Board cannot accept wastewater it has no capacity to treat.", and a footnote
- "We know that infiltration/inflow are occurring in the collection system and adds to the amount of wastewater being treated by the Uniontown Lagoon. That fact makes the capacity available for industrial dischargers like Harvest Select even smaller."

• For the sake of discussion, lets assume no Infiltration, and add the 900-home estimation to the lagoon input. We'll also assume Harvest Select will continue to contribute waste at the rate of 40% of the lagoon's capacity.

 900 homes = 189,360 gallons per day + Harvest Select = 210,000 gallons per day = 399,360 gallons per day.

• This would represent **76%** of the Lagoon's total capacity. The ARWA would assert that the majority of the issues with Uniontown's lagoon's capacity issues result from Infiltration and Inflow.

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- An item to note:
- ARWA Estimate of total contributions to lagoon without Inflow

 900 homes = 189,360 gallons per day + Harvest Select = 210,000 gallons per day
 = 399,360 gallons per day.

• Lagoon contributions provided by the Riverkeepers

In the U.S., the average per capita water use is ~180 gal per person per day (including personal, industrial, municipal uses), and one could reasonably estimate that ~85% of that will end up back in the sewer.

If 85% of that total is returned to the sewer based on this rule of thumb, that means approximately 345,780 gallons of capacity are being used by the populace,

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Uniontown Lagoon Influent Average Flow Values With and Without Harvest Select Input in terms of percentage of Permitted Capacity

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• The ARWA would not agree that Infiltration be tolerated at the expense of customer access to the Uniontown treatment process.

• The ARWA would advocate for a complete rehabilitation of the collection system at present, with a study on a replacement or expanded treatment process for Uniontown's future ability to accept and treat waste.

• If the goal of the Body is to simply reduce input immediately to fit capacity today, there will need to be far more customers removed from the system than only Harvest Select in order to do so.

• The ARWA would strongly recommend an economic impact study be done prior to taking that action in order to best protect this particularly vulnerable set of citizens.



Current Activities and Plans Moving Forward

• The ARWA is actively reviewing accounts and account histories now to better understand both water and wastewater operations in Uniontown.

• The ARWA is actively reviewing assets in the field as well as process operations.

• The ARWA is coordinating with Uniontown employees to ensure accurate data collection from all points of water production, distribution, collection, and treatment in order to begin to build a data set that is whole and can be trusted for proper decision-making purposes.

• The ARWA is identifying, reporting, scheduling for repair, and (as funds allow) repairing all areas of the water and wastewater system that have fallen into a state of disrepair.

- The ARWA is conducting an energy audit of both the water and wastewater operations.
- The ARWA is engaged in a rate-study process.
- The ARWA is engaged in a policy and procedural review of the system.

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Current Activities and Plans Moving Forward

• The ARWA will report to the Board regularly its findings, typically at publicly held meetings of the Board for the consideration of the Board, citizens of Uniontown, and any other interested party or stakeholder.

• The ARWA is happy to share with anyone all data and information collected for, and presented to the Board, with the Board's permission for each request.

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Resources and References

• All references can be accessed and downloaded from the following link:

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September 8th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on September 8th, 2020. This meeting was hled in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present ,which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black sked for a motion to approve the agenda. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried. He asked for any comments from the public; there were none.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10th, meeting. Attorney Prince Chestnut instructed the Board to review the minutes because there was some errors. The call to order required a change in the date; the old business vote was wrong; should have been 2-2, #6 of the minutes should have had Miller and Black as a Yes. After correction being noted, Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written with the corrections, and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Management Update

Chairman Black called upon Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, Inc. (WMS), to provide the Financial Report.

Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of August 31, 2020. Total Income was \$84,215.73, and total expense was \$1,346.33. Gross Proft (Loss) \$82,869.40. The bank account total was \$336,890.74. The total past due bills were \$116,002.03, and Kathy presented a list of bills that need to be paid at present to begin the process of catching up past due amounts and set the Board on a path of responsible fiscal management.

Allen Bowen discussed the Short-Lived Asset Account and Payment Reserve Account that are required by the USDA.

After discussing the Financial Report, Joyce Banks motioned to approve the report as presented; Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then called upon Rob White, Executive Director of the Alabama Rural Water Association (ARWA), to provide the Operations Report.

Mr. White began with the Water Operations report. For the reporting period of August 1st through August 31st, the system produced 24,532,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 13,483,883 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 45%. After adjustments of 3,575,200 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 30%. Mr. White informed the Board that the water loss goal is less than 15%, so work would continue to improve the costly issue of lost water.

Mr. White then reported that all required water samples had been taken and were good.

Additional information included 15 leaks that had been identified. Of those, nine (9) have been fixed, totaling an estimated 150 gallons per minute of water loss. Six (6) known leaks causing an estimated 100 - 150 gallons per minute of water loss are scheduled for repair.

Also noted was that one (1) of the two (2) well motors had failed. On August 23rd, the City Hall Well motor failed. Shepard Electric had been contacted and pulled the motor for repair. The well will remain down until repairs can be made. Until then, the Board will operate with only one source of water supply, which, if uninterrupted, is adequate to continue operations.

Mr. White then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. He explained that one of the two Influent flow meters had been inoperative since July 10th. He reported that

this data is imperative to the acquisition of the approximately \$30,000,000 grant, and a company had been contacted by the ARWA to repair the broken flow meter. The company has ordered the parts and will fix the meter once the parts were available. In addition, Mr. White reported that five (5) lift stations only have one operational pump. Lift stations require two (2) pumps to maintain appropriate redundancy of service necessary to prevent illegal and catastrophic sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). Shepard Electric has been contacted and will review all the Board's lift stations and provide quotes and plans to repair those critical sites.

All required sampling had been conducted and resulted in no violations.

Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the report, and Callie Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

V. Old Business

River Keeper Request – Rob White provided a brief update on the River Keepers request to the Board at the June Board meeting. Representatives from several groups held a forum in which Mr. White provided an overview of Harvest Select's contributions alongside Uniontown's performance history. The ARWA would not presently recommend to the Board deleting or reducing the capacity of Harvest Select as the data did not indicate the measure would improve the system's performance in a meaningful way. The ARWA recommends that the USDA and other partners project continue and collection system repairs begin as soon as possible. The ARWA is also working with Harvest Select to address current issues with slug flows within their treatment process.

Insurance - Rob White advised the Board that acquiring insurance quotes has been a challenge, but he and Owen Peak are still working diligently to acquire some. Many carriers are simply declining to quote due to available information from past insurance performance under the City and the current failed state of the wastewater treatment process. The Board currently has a clean record, so he feels confident that a quote would be offered very soon. Mr. White stated that if a quote were to be acquired before the next regular Board meeting, he would work with Attorney Chestnut to hold a special meeting for immediate insurance adoption.

Service Rules and Regulations – Draft Service Rules and Regulations were provided to the Board for consideration. After discussion, Joyce Banks motioned to accept the Service Rules and Regulations subject to Attorney Prince Chestnut's approval. Marilyn Miller seconded, and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 1. Ms. Bruno voted no on the measure.

Allen Bowen gave good comments about the change that he has seen so far in Uniontown and stated that he appreciated all the Board members' hard work and dedication to the project's success benefitting Uniontown's people.

Chairman Black then moved on to new business.

VI. New Business

Rob White informed the Board that the ADEM had conducted inspections on both the water and wastewater portions of the system during the last month. He informed the Board that the results of those inspections would be available at the next regular Board meeting. Also noted was that the ARWA would be providing a free Inspection Binder to assist those processes in the future.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

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October 5th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a special called meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:35 AM on October 5th, 2020. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

II. Insurance

Chairman Black asked that Rob White give an update for this call, and Rob said it was to hear the Insurance Quotes from Owen Peak with Peak Insurance. Owen provided information concerning insurance quotes received. After discussion, Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the quotes for insurance pending Attorney Prince Chestnut's approval. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

October 13th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:08 AM on October 13th, 2020. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, and Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried. He asked for any comments from the public and there were several on the agenda. Comments were to be heard from Tyrone Brown, Valerie Lockett, Sherman Norfleet, Stephanie Holmes, Felecia Ward and Deborah Zerman. Chairman Black asked each one if they could do their comments in three minutes or less and some said yes but others no. First comment was from Tyrone Brown – He said he need five minutes and the Chairman allowed it; he said he had an issue with Corey. He didn't like the way Corey addressed people in the office and felt he walked in on a hostile situation at the office while paying his water bill. Corey was very disrespectful.

Sherman Norfleet comment was to address the board about Corey screaming at him over the phone and he didn't appreciate it so he told Corey to just wait and he would drive to the office to address him because he was not going to talk with him that way. He also let Ms. Joyce Banks know what happen and the atmosphere needed to change at the office.

Stephanie Holmes said she called the office on October 8, 2020 and felt that Corey was sexist. He told her she was not a plumber to know about her water and she just didn't like his attitude.

Felecia Ward sent to pay her bill on September 22, 2020 and Corey would not accept her money unless she agreed to pay the full bill even though her water had not been cut off yet; she didn't feel that should be the case. He threw her change and receipt back to her.

Valerie Lockett didn't appreciate Corey telling her to just pay her bill or go dig a Well.

Deborah Zerman did not answer to give her comments.

Chairman Black thanked everyone for their comments.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th, meeting. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the last meeting, and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from October 5th, 2020. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes, and Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Management Update

Chairman Black called upon Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, Inc. (WMS), to provide the Financial Report.

Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of September 30th, 2020. Total Income was \$80,126.05, and total expense was \$113,249.27. Gross Profit (Loss) \$33,123.22. The bank account total was \$310,722.20. \$28,775.00 is the past due balance but still in the process of catching up past due amounts and set the Board on a path of responsible fiscal management.

After discussing the Financial Report, Joyce Banks motioned to approve the report as presented; Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then called upon Rob White, Executive Director of the Alabama Rural Water Association (ARWA), to provide the Operations Report.

Mr. White began with the Water Operations report. For the reporting period of September 1st through September 30th, the system produced 22,805,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 15,675,211 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 31.3%. After adjustments of 3,732,700 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 14.9%.

Mr. White then reported there was one brown water complaint for the month located at 24 Cedar Bluff Rd. We have addressed this issue with additional flushing on the line. Adjustment for Water Loss (known leaks) estimated at 80GPM based on leak at the Bank and known system leaks still outstanding. John Williams, Fire Chief, reported an estimated 150,000 gallons of water for use on fires.

September 2nd, 2020 ADEM did an inspection on the System. The letter was provided with the recommendations to each board member. Also noted was that one (1) well motor was still down as of October 13th and waiting on Shepard Electric to bring the part.

Mr. White then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. The September 2020 DMR will be reported as a NO FLOW as the outfall sample site had insufficient flow for sampling. Additionally, the September 2020 DMR will be reported as a Monitoring Equipment Violation as only one flow meter was working and the flow must be estimated.

• Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump 1. Lift Station #1 - 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP) 2. Lift Station #3 - 145 Freetown Rd (Needs One 2HP PUMP) 3. Lift Station - 461 Old Greensboro Road (Needs One 10 HP PUMP) 4. Lift Station - 1728 West Ave (Needs One 10 HP PUMP) 5. Lift Station - 202 Omega Lane (Needs 1 2HP PUMP) Influent Flow meter returned to service on 9-30-2020.

Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the report, and Marilyn Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

V. Old Business

Service Rules and Regulations – Attorney Prince Chestnut provided the report to finalize the Service Rules and Regulations. The water bills will be due by the 10^{th} of each month by 4:00 p.m. after that time a past due will be added to the bill. It was suggested to make sure the date and times were noted on the water bill that will be mailed out to each customer. Kathy Horne said she would try but there is limited space

to put a lot of information. Clarence Black asked the board if they had any questions and there were none. Christine Bruno stated to make sure every customer gets a copy of the Service Rules.

The discussions regarding customers that were charged in September for late fees should be waived since the rules were not in placed. Clarence Black explained why some people fee was waived while he was there at the office. A report will need to be provided to make sure all customers charge receive a check for the month of September. After discussion, Christine Bruno made a motion to give all customers a credit or mail a check for the September charges. Marilyn Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Services Rules and Regulations. Callie Sanders and Marilyn Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to other business.

VI. New Business

There were none.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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October 27th, 2020

THIS MEETING was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference. Acknowledgment of people who were on the teleconference meeting and all board members were in attendance Chairman Black, Directors Miller, Banks, Bruno, and Sanders, and a quorum was firmly established. Invocation by Chairman Black at 10:05 a.m.

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Clarence Black called to order a special called meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on October 27th, 2020.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black then asked for approval of the agenda for this meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the agenda. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

III. USDA Project Updates

Chairman Black asked if Rob White IV Representing Alabama Rural Water would go over the Transition agreement with the Board and WMS that expires on October 31st. Also, Mr. White was asked to go over the property transition from City Hall to a new building that is chosen and agreed upon by the board members.

Kathy Horne Representing Water Management Services also spoke about the transition agreement that expires on October 31st. Stated that she would be open to an extension to November 30th giving the board time to choose a sustainable building to work from.

Attorney Chestnut provided details about the property transfer process.

Chairman Black asked each board member if they agreed to a 30 day extension of the transition agreement with Water Management Services and to work to use that time to get a full management contract with WMS in place by the end of that extension. All Board members agreed.

Congresswoman Terri Sewell spoke and wanted to thank everyone and encourage everyone to work together and trust each other and continue to work on moving the project forward and not let the funding opportunity slip away.

Rob White IV went over each building and the monthly payments and requirements to obtain each property. With the options being Mr. Brown's Building and Mr. Sealy's Building.

Mr. Brown is seeking a 7-year term at \$1250 per month with one year up front.

Mr. Sealy is seeking a 7-year term at \$2000 per month. Mr. Sealy's building offers onsite equipment storage, which WMS would pay \$500 per month. So the Board's responsibility would be \$1500 per month of that agreement as long as WMS manages the operations.

Chairman asked all Board members which building they recommended with Mrs. Bruno recommending Mr. Brown's building and all other Board members recommending Mr. Sealy's building.

Chairman asked if the Board members would like to look at each building before deciding on which one to choose, all Board members will look at the Sealy building by the end of the week and then get in touch with Mr. Brown to look at his building.

Allen Bowen representing USDA thanked everyone for what they are doing to work together on this funding and the project and thanked Congresswoman Sewell for being in attendance today and working closely with USDA and Uniontown.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

November 10th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:10 AM on November 10th, 2020. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Before approval of the agenda Chairman Black let everyone know here was a correction and two people needed to be added under the comment section. After correction, Chairman Black sked for a motion to approve the agenda with the necessary correction, Christine Bruno made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additional, and Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Black also let everyone know the purpose of recording the names of each individual on the call is so we will be able to keep up with who is listen just like if the meeting was being held in person.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th, meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written

and Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the Special call meeting minutes of the October 27th, meeting. Christine Bruno made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Comments were to be heard from Antonio Bennett, Leatha Witherspoon, Johnathan Davis, Deborah Gladden, Sasha King, Sherman Norfleet and Chris Jones. Chairman Black then asked each for their comments. Antonio Bennett was not on the call to give comments. Leatha Witherspoon was upset about being charged \$25 late charge on a 1 cents shortage on her bill. After a discussion, the board all agreed that the fee needs to be wave and Ms. Witherspoon does not have to pay it. Ms. Bruno said this is an issue that could have been handle without coming before the board. Johnathan Davis was not on the call to give comments. Deborah Gladden was on the call to discuss an issue with her Sewer Pump not working in her home. It is causing her to have a high-water bill and no one from the water department will look at it. Chairman Black let her know that it is not the water department problem, but we will get someone to look at it. Terry Jackson commented that the sewer issue had been addressed. The pump was repaired at the expense of the Board. She wanted to know how her water bill would be handled but there was no discussion. Sasha King was not on the call to give comments. Sherman Norfleet was not on the call to give comments. The Mayor Chris Jones stated he was on the call to get an update on documents that he requested from Rob White and Prince Chestnut. He wanted to know how long it would take to pull that information because he needed it like ASAP. Prince let him know that some information would take time because he is asking of a lot, but they would get it pull together.

V. Management Update

Chairman Black called upon Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, Inc. (WMS), to provide the Financial Report.

Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of October 31, 2020. Total Income was \$86,688.76, and total expense was \$78,691.70. \$2,000 was the total return to customers with the issues of the September billing. Gross Proft (Loss) \$6,222.06.

After discussing the Financial Report, Marilyn Miller motioned to approve the report as presented; Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then called upon Rob White, Executive Director of the Alabama Rural Water Association (ARWA), to provide the Operations Report.

Mr. White began with the Water Operations report. For the reporting period of October 1st through October 31st, the system produced 21,102,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 13,578,204 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 35.7%. After adjustments of 3,772,200 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 17.8%. The utility added 7 new customers, 3 services were discontinued, and 7 meters pulled for non-payment. 145 cutoffs where done.

Mr. White reported that as of November 4th the Well at the City Hall is back working with a VFD Motor. Chairman Black asked with the Well being repaired will the other one be used, and Rob explained the system will continue to use both wells.

There were two brown water complaints for the month:

Located at 24 Cedar Bluff Rd. We have addressed this issue with additional flushing on the line on 10/27/2020.

Located at 14 Langward Cir. We have addressed this issue with additional flushing on the line on 10/23/2020.

Adjustment for Water Loss (known leaks) estimated at 80 GPM based on leak at the Bank and known system leaks still outstanding. The leak on Hwy 61 near Rosemont Cemetery has been resolved.

John Williams, Fire Chief, reported an estimated 175,500 gallons for use in Fire Fighting.

The Utility Department used an estimated 25,500 gallons for use in system flushing.

Ms. Banks asked when leaks are fixed throughout the system on the roads can the road be repaired/fixed better than what they are doing right now. Terry Jackson said yes it would be done and asked if there was a particular road in concern at the time and she was referring to Broadway Street.

Ms. Sanders stated Fire Hydrants are not working throughout Uniontown. Terry Jackson said 2 of the fire hydrants had been replaced but he will find out which other ones are not working.

Mr. White then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. He reported everything is moving in a good direction.

Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the report, and Callie Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Proposal – Rob White provided two different building proposals. Chairman Black added there was one more building they would like to look at and Rob said he didn't know if they could continue to wait that they needed to move forward. An open discussion was held to talk about the time frame it would take to get the different buildings ready. The Brown Building would take about 90 days and Sealy Building 8 weeks but not set in stone.

Mayor Chris Jones joined back in on the board meeting to discuss a building he would like the board to look at that is located close to the City Hall since it is owned by the City and State Grant funding was used to get it but he asked that the Statue of Limitations be checked to make sure the board could get the building. Allen Bowen spoke up and asked if they would be a drive through window, ample parking, equipment storage, etc.? Mayor Jones they are not looking to sell the building or lease the building, but the water department could move in. Allen stated there would have to be another special meeting to be held for everyone to review the building and he felt the board needs to move forward with the two options they received. After discussion all board members agreed to move forward with the two buildings they had already looked at other than Christine Bruno thought they should look at the building Mayor Jones brought to the call.

Miller, Banks, and Sanders said move forward with the voting of the two buildings proposal they had, and it was a 3-2 vote. Callie Sanders, Christine Bruno, Clarence Black all voted for Tyrone Brown Building. Joyce Banks abstain from voting. Marilyn Miller voted no on Brown Building. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Tyrone Brown Building, Callie Sanders seconded, and the motion carried.

Next discussion was the amount for the Brown Building. Joyce Banks made a motion to pay \$1,500 monthly without any upfront money. Christine Bruno second; the motion carried. Attorney Prince Chestnut is to draft a lease agreement for the building then have a special call meeting to discuss the lease.

Chairman Black then moved on to other business.

VII. New Business

Christine Bruno asked how all the customer comments were handled from the last meeting. Kathy Horne explained that Corey is not her employee, so she is not sure how

his boss handled the situation. Prince Chestnut asked the board members to check their email that he sent some of the documents that Mayor Chris Jones requested, and he wanted them to review.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

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December 8th, 2020

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:14 AM on December 8th, 2020. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black asked Mayor Hunter to give the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Before approval of the agenda, Chairman Black let everyone know there was a correction, and one person needed to be added under the comment section, which was Geneva Watts. After correction, Chairman Black asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the necessary correction, Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional, and Joyce Banks seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written, and Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Comments were to be heard from Antonio Bennett, Mary Schaeffer, Deloris Smith, Anthony Hines, Sasha King, and Geneva Watts. Chairman Black then asked each for their comments. Antonio Bennett was not on the call to give comments. Mary Schaeffer was on the call to discuss a leak issue she had in April 2020, and she sent a letter but never heard from anyone. She is requesting a \$49.20 credit; she feels the water customers should be notified they have a high bill. Chairman Black let her know someone would be in contact with her. Deloris Smith was not on the call to give comments. Anthony Hines was not on the call to give comments. Sasha King was not on the call to give comments. Geneva Watts was on the call to give comments for Tasha Shepherd. She said Tasha lives in the Meadows Apartments, and on November 23^{rd,} she returned home from the hospital with her sick kid(s), and her water was cutoff. She had paid the bill and did not understand how that could have happened. She contacted John Williams, but he was quick to tell her he did not want to be involved with anything regarding water being cut off. After a brief discussion, Kathy Horne (Water Management Services) apologized and explained what happened. Christine Bruno also asked Terry Tyson how the situation was handle with his employee, and Terry stated he would provide that information to the Board.

V. Management Update

Chairman Black called upon Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, Inc. (WMS), to provide the Financial Report.

Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of November 30th, 2020. Total Income was \$88,161.94, and the total expense was \$54,679.70. Gross Profit (Loss) was \$32,537.85.

Chairman Black then called upon Rob White, Executive Director of the Alabama Rural Water Association (ARWA), to provide the Operations Report.

Mr. White began with the Water Operations report. For the reporting period of November 1st through November 30th, the system produced 18,344,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 14,395,108 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 21.5%. After adjustments of 2,285,000 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 9.1%. The utility added 3 new customers, 5 services were discontinued, and 6 meters pulled for non-payment. 106 cut-offs were done.

Mr. White reported that as of December the Well at the City Hall was having Electrical Issues.

Adjustment for Water Loss (known leaks) estimated at 50 GPM based on the leak at the Bank and known system leaks still outstanding.

John Williams, Fire Chief, reported an estimated 75,000 gallons for use in Fire Fighting.

The Utility Department used an estimated 50,000 gallons for use in system flushing for previous water quality concerns.

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Mr. White then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. .52 MGD Gallons Treated; 16.103 Effluent Flow.

Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump 1. Lift Station #1 - 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP) 2. Lift Station #3 - 145 Freetown Rd (Needs One 2HP PUMP) 3. Lift Station #? - 461 Old Greensboro Road (Needs One 10 HP PUMP) 4. Lift Station #? - 1728 West Ave (Needs One 10 HP PUMP) 5. Lift Station #? - 202 Omega Lane (Needs 1 2HP PUMP)

Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Management Report and Operations Report, and Callie Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Proposal – The Brown Building is the current choice of the board for the water office property for a term of 7 years. The lease agreement is done by Chestnut and approved by the USDA Rural Development. Rob White let the Board know Tyrone Brown sent a lease agreement as well, so there are two lease agreements on the table. The Board stated that whichever one USDA Rural Development approved is the one to pursue.

A discussion for WMS Full-Service Management Agreement commenced. Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, read a letter to cancel a Full Serve Agreement due to accusations. After Kathy Horne read her letter, Allen Bowen of USDA added that the water and sewer board is doing a good job. He reminded the Board that as a condition of the grant received from USDA Rural Development, a 3rd party management company is required, so they really need to get it together. Chestnut said something needs to be done to try and keep the current agreement with WMS because requesting bids again would result in additional costs to the Board. Rob White also read a letter stating positive aspects of the project and good facts where Alabama Rural Water Association has helped and collaborated with USDA, WMS, the attorney, the city, and stakeholders concerning the project since 2018. ARWA will not be able to



continue its services in the manner it has up to this point if the accusations and lack of community support continue. Rob White explained the purpose of the project for Uniontown. After discussion, Chairman Black asked each board member for their thoughts about WMS and Rural Water pulling away. All Uniontown Board Members stated they do not want to see WMS pull out. They need to work together to make it work. Allen Bowen spoke to address the Board, and they have and are doing a good job; he thanked everyone involved. The project will not end today because Uniontown has improved since 2018, and in order to receive the grant, they must meet all the requirements of USDA Rural Development.

Chairman Black then asked for comments from the Council and Mayor, who were on the call. Councilwoman Jones said you would have people in the community that do not want to see the USDA project succeed, but you must ignore those people and move forward for the good of the community. Mayor Jones gave comments and said if everyone is talking about him, it is not true, but when he asks for information, he is asking on behalf of the citizens.

Chairman Black asked Kathy would she sit down in a meeting with the attorney, Board, rural water to discuss the issues, and she said yes.

Melinda Williams from Congresswoman Sewell's office asked to be put on the call. She restated the importance of being able to move forward and put Uniontown in a place where they can accept the funding that the Congresswoman, among many others, had fought so hard to acquire for the City of Uniontown.

Commissioner Turner called in and stated he would like to see the Board move forward.

Commissioner Eaton said the information that is being said is not true.

Mayor Jones asked for an explanation about the flow of Sewage.

After all the comments, Chairman Black asked Prince Chestnut to set up a meeting with Kathy and all parties involved to get the agreement on track and not lose the good help we currently have.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

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January 8, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a special call meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:04 AM on January 8th, 2020. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black gave the Invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

Chairman Black asked for Attorney Chestnut to explain why the contract from the board to Tyrone Brown regarding his building was not signed. Attorney Chestnut stated that Tyrone Brown presented a different contract and that according to Tyrone Brown's attorney, there are several issues that Tyrone Brown has with the Board's offer. Tyrone Brown offering another contract and not agreeing with the one created by Attorney Chestnut at the direction of the board is a counteroffer. USDA has only approved the contract that Attorney Chestnut prepared. It has not approved the one prepared by Tyrone Brown's attorney.

Attorney Chestnut attempted to reach Tyrone Brown's attorney last month but there was no communication until yesterday by email. As of this morning, January 8, 2021, Attorney Chestnut contacted Tyrone Brown's attorney by phone. Tyrone Brown's attorney stated that the contract proposal he drafted for Tyrone Brown could be worked out and we could look at it next week. Attorney Chestnut explained that he informed Tyrone Brown's attorney he would take his request to the board, but time is of the essence and this has been going on for a long time. Attorney Chestnut then told Chairman Black that he recommended the board discuss this issue to determine how the board wants to proceed.

Attorney Chestnut stated the options for the board: The board could reject the counteroffer of Tyrone Brown because it does not meet USDA approval. Next, the board could then respond to Tyrone Brown's counteroffer with the board's own counteroffer; or the board could consider another option or property to lease.

Chairman Black asked each board member what they wanted to do, and they all agreed to move forward with the other building. Joyce Banks did not want to comment at that time. Allen Bowen spoke up and said the contract proposal that came from Tyrone Brown was not approved by USDA. Mr. Bowen mentioned some of the reasons why it was not acceptable. However, he stated that the contract proposal drafted by Attorney Chestnut was approved by USDA. Mr. Bowen reiterated the importance of getting a building as soon as possible because it has taken too long to get a building up to this point.

The next issue discussed was the Sealy Building, which was the other option previously under consideration. Allen Bowen added that if that is the building the board wants to move forward with, that the contract from Attorney Chestnut is already approved by USDA Rural Development; all Attorney Chestnut needs to do is to keep it close to the language of the one already approved and then move forward. Board members were good with moving forward.

Marilyn Miller made a motion to reject the counteroffer from Tyrone Brown regarding his building, Joyce Banks seconded, and the motion carried.

Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the Sealy Building, Callie Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

Chairman Black asked Kathy Horne was that good for her and she added yes because she had already spoke with Sealy about the possibility of renting a portion of the building for equipment storage and the building was still available at that time.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

II. Adjournment

There being no further business, Joyce Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

January 12th, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:08 AM on January 12th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for approval of the Agenda, Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of several speakers who wished to address the board, seconded by Christine Brun. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th, meeting. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written and Joyce Banks and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the special call meeting minutes of the January 8th, 2021, meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the minutes of the special call meeting as written and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Chairman Black asked for comments from the people who had requested time to speak, which were William Robinson, Tyrone Brown, Commissioner Eaton and his guest, Mr. Boday, Ms. Randall and Cheryl Jones. The comments were varied, one with an issue wanting to receive a credit because he had a high-water bill. Tyrone Brown asked the board to reconsider its decision to go with the Sealy building, but it was later discussed by Attorney Chestnut and Chairman Black that Brown refused to accept the board's offer and did not sign the USDA approved contract. With time being an issue and it being clear that Mr. Brown did not agree with USDA approved terms, the board decided to go in a different direction. Commissioner Eaton spoke along with his guest, Mr. Boday, spoke about wanting to present a proposal for the sewer project. Ms. Randall had an issue about a sewage charge on her water bill and they are not offering that service at the time. Cheryl Jones was concerned that she paid her water bill but never received credit. After all comments were made, Chairman Black thanked the public.

V. Management Update

Chairman Black called upon Kathy Horne, President of Water Management Services, Inc. (WMS), to provide the Financial Report.

Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of December 31, 2020. Total Income was \$84,990.19, and total expense was \$119,209.95. Gross Profit (Loss) \$85,726.49 plus a payment to USDA in the amount of \$119,921.25 resulted in a net monthly Profit (Loss) of (\$34,194.76). Kathy Horne and Rob White explained the issues with the past electrical bills that cause a power outage. After a brief discussion, Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Management report; Callie Sanders seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Black then called upon Rob White, Executive Director of the Alabama Rural Water Association (ARWA), to provide the Operations Report.

Mr. White began with the Water Operations report. For the reporting period of December 1st through December 31st, the system produced 20,181,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 11,620,050 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 42.4%. After adjustments of 3,987,000 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 22.7%. The utility added 2 new customers, 1 service was discontinued, and 12 meters pulled for non-payment. 96 Non Payment Fees, 35 Non Payment Disconnects. 24 out of the 35 were reconnected.

Mr. White reported still having issues with the Well at the City Hall. The Electrical Box needs updating. Rob provided a quote from Pylant Electrical Company, Inc. in the amount of \$12,906.00 to fix the issues.

Adjustment for Water Loss (known leaks) estimated at 75 GPM based on leak at the Bank and known system leaks still outstanding.

John Williams, Fire Chief, reported an estimated 150,000 gallons for use in Fire Fighting.

The Utility Department used an estimated 35,500 gallons for use in system flushing for previous water quality concerns.

173 Work Orders for the Month of December

James Avenue Well ran 331 hours in December compared to 360 hours in October.

Marylin Miller made a motion to accept the Water Operations Report, and Christine Bruno seconded. The motion carried.

Callie Sanders made a motion to accept the quote from Pylant Electrical Company and move forward with getting the electrical box fixed. Christine Bruno seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. White then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. .61 mgd Gallons Treated; .61 mgd Effluent Flow. Influent flow meters are schedule to be repaired Wednesday January 13th they are replacing current meter with a loaner and sending our meter back to factory for repairs and data extract. Having issue with Sewer Backup on December 23, 2020 at Meadows Appointment; had to vacuumed and jetted sewer line out. Clog was caused by excessive grease. Village Pump station Cane Break; Morrow replaced rotor on pump both pumps are in service and working at full capacity. Prison pump station on Hwy 80 repaired control system on station everything works in auto.

Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump

- 1. Lift Station #1 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
- 2. Lift Station #3 145 Freetown Rd (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
- 3. Lift Station #? 461 Old Greensboro Road (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
- 4. Lift Station #? 1728 West Ave (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
- 5. Lift Station #? 202 Omega Lane (Needs 1 2HP PUMP)

Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Wastewater Operations Report, and Callie Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Timeline – The lease agreement had been signed by Sealy and Chairman Black on behalf of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown, and the target move-in date is April 1, 2021.

A discussion for WMS Full-Service Management Agreement was presented. If the renovation of the office building is ready the agreement will be in effect March 1st, if not it will be April 1st. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Water Management Services Agreement subject to a date change that may occur; Marilyn

Miller seconded. The motion carried. Kathy thanked the board for accepting the agreement and let them know they are looking forward to working with them.

VII. New Business

ADEM Permit Transfer Process is one of the next priorities of the project and that work would commence immediately.

Customer Sewer Lateral Easements have to be signed by each property owner in Uniontown that wishes to take part in funding available in the project to replace private sewer laterals.

The water system needs an auditing firm and a quote was presented from Aldridge Borden and Company. After discussion, the board agreed to move forward with Aldridge Borden and Company. Also, each year moving forward a single audit will be required because of the amount of money the utility is receiving. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept Aldridge Borden and Company; Callie Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

For informational purpose only, Rob let the board know about the Alabama Rural Water Association Annual Conference to be held March 14-17, 2021 in Mobile. Clarence asked all board members to keep that in mind.

Allen Bowen said he appreciates everything that the board has done and keep up the good work.

Chairman Black stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn if no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie Sanders and Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

February 9th, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on February 9th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

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- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for approval of the Agenda. Miller made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of several speakers who wished to address the Board, seconded by Bruno and all approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black called for the approval of the January 12th Minutes. There was a motion by Banks and seconded by Miller, and all approved. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Chairman Black asked for comments or questions from the people who had requested time to speak, which were Commissioner Eaton and Cynthia Dial. Commissioner Eaton expressed concerns regarding a letter of resignation of Mr. White and Ms. Horne and wanted to know the outcome of that. His specific question included what action was taken by the Board and what were the duties and salary of Ms. Horne. At the request of Chairman Black, Ms. Home responded to Commissioner Eaton's questions. Commissioner Eaton requested a copy of the agreement and the minutes that included the approval of the WMS contract. Cynthia Dial reminded Chairman Black of her request for copies of organizational and meeting documents. Chairman Black had a discussion with Attorney Chestnut regarding Mayor Jones' request for documents. Chairman Black thanked the public for the comments.

V. Management Update

Chairman asked for a report from Management. Kathy Home of Water Management Services provided the management report. Ms. Bruno asked about the missing Alabama Power expense(s) for the previous month(s), and an explanation was provided by Ms. Home. Banks made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented: seconded by Bruno. No questions. All approved. Motion carried.

Terry Jackson provided the operation report. Bruno made a motion to accept the operations report: seconded by Banks. No questions. All approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Timeline - Ms. Home stated that the demolition had begun on the office building with renovations underway. Ms. Home reminded Board Members that photos were included in their packages.

ADEM Permit Transfers - Chairman Black asked Attorney Chestnut what the status was regarding the ADEM permit transfers. Attorney Chestnut stated that Rob White with ARWA had provided all the appropriate documentation for transfers, and the process has begun.

Customer Complaints - Chairman Black requested at this time if there was any other old business. Ms. Horne asked that Terry Jackson provide the status of customer complaints. Mr. Jackson provided details on how the customer complaints had been resolved.

Chairman Black requested if any customers had additional complaints or issues that they bring them to the Board and they will work to get them resolved in a timely matter.

VII. New Business

New Business discussions included the process for customer complaints and issues along with the posting of the summary and full monthly minutes. Chairman Black reminded customers that any complaints and/or issues should be brought before the Board and requested their patience for a timely response. Ms. Banks suggested that Corey Martin post the summary and minutes at City Hall as made available. Attorney Chestnut offered to create a form to be used by the public to request access to board documentation. Allen Bowen shared words of appreciation for the efforts of all persons involved in.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

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March 9, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

In the absence of Chairman Black, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Joyce Banks called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:06 AM on March 9th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Director Banks gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno

II. Approval of the Agenda

Director Banks asked for approval of the Agenda, Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of one speaker who wished to address the board, seconded by Callie Sanders. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Director Banks then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9th, 2021, meeting. Marilyn Miller made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Director Banks asked for comments from the individual who had requested time to speak, which was Commissioner Eaton. The comments were varied, Commissioner Eaton had concerns regarding a letter of resignation of Mr. White and Ms. Horne and wanted to

know the outcome of that if an action was taking by the board. He had previously requested to know what Ms. Horne's duties and salaries were. In response Ms. Horne stated that an agreement had been entered into by Water Management Services Inc. and the Utility Board of The City of Uniontown, and that information was in the Contract which was property of the Board. At that time Director Banks requested that Attorney Chestnut provide information on the New Records Request Policy. Attorney Chestnut, with approval of this agenda item being discussed at present, provided a brief summary of the policy and a summary of how it relates to current laws as well as any fees associated in the policy. Commissioner Eaton had other comments concerning the new policy. He wanted to know where to locate the forms for request for information.

V. Management Update

Director Banks asked for a report from Management. Kathy Horne, representing Water Management Services provided the financial report. Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of February 28, 2021. Total Income was \$73,495.01 and total expense was \$96,681.85. Gross Profit (Loss) (\$23,186.84). Ms. Horne explained the increase in expenses for the Water as being related to bringing the City Hall well back online. She also explained the increase on the Wastewater as being in relation to repairs that had to be made. Ms. Horne also explained that the recent issues with software have been resolved and were being monitored and investigated. Miller made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Sanders. The motion carried.

Director Banks then called upon Terry Jackson, Project Manager (WMS), to provide the Operations Report. Ms. Banks asked Mr. Jackson about the increased water loss and Mr. Jackson explained there were a couple of major leaks during the month, however those leaks have been repaired. Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the water operations report and the wastewater operations report; seconded by Sanders. The motion carried.

Director Banks then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Timeline -

Ms. Horne stated that progress was being made and mentioned a future walk-through. Completion date should be forth coming.

ADEM Permit Transfers - Director Banks asked Attorney Chestnut what the status was regarding the ADEM permit transfers. Attorney Chestnut stated that he had spoke with the City Attorney and was told there was a holdup by the Administration. Ms. Horne

reminded the board that they had already approved payment for the transfers in January and inquired as to how long this hold up would be. With the approval of Director Banks, Mayor Christopher Jones was allowed to speak, he stated that the council had not authorized him to sign the documents and he was under the impression the Mr. Allen Bowen was going to deliver the documents and the documents were not delivered by Mr. Bowen. Ms. Banks requested that Mr. Bowen address the comment. Mr. Bowen stated that there must be a miscommunication because the documents he was providing were for the grant and the loan. The permit was a separate action. However, Mr. Bowen stated that the approval fell under the provisions that were approved by the previous administration and that the Mayor did not require approval by the council because it had already been approved. Mr. Jones also asked if the policy for request for records would apply to the City of Uniontown as well. Attorney Chestnut stated that the policy would apply.

VII. New Business

Director Banks asked for a motion to approve the new Records Request Policy. Motion was made by Director Sanders and seconded by Director Miller. Director Banks asked for any questions and there were none. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

VIII. Other Busines

Mr. Rob White discussed the Auditor letter to the board. He said this was a requirement that the auditors provide to their clients.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

April 13, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on April 13th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Clarence Black
- Callie Sanders
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks
- Christine Bruno

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for approval of the Agenda, Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Christine Bruno. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th, 2021, meeting. Joyce Banks made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes as written and Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Chairman Black asked for comments from the individual who had requested time to speak. The comments were varied, Vera Davis's concern was her water bill had 3 different charges and she wanted to know why and what was going to be done to correct the issue. Kathy Horne let her know that she is aware, and they are working to get it resolved; Vera will be hearing from the office once it is finalized. Commissioner Eaton asked the question regarding the letter of resignation and what is the water board paying

Water Management Services. Attorney Chestnut let him know Kathy Horne works for a company and the Water Authority is not paying her directly they are paying the company. Attorney Chestnut told him he would get that information to him. Allen Bowen also spoke and explain that Kathy Horne is not getting her salary from Uniontown; Uniontown is contracted to pay the company. Eva Dillard wanted to know about the information she requested on behalf of Black Rivers Keeper and she does not agree with having to pay for documents. Alex Jones had a concern about his water bill and why are they being charged a late fee. Cynthia Dial thanked Clarence Black for showing up at the concern citizens meeting on Sunday, April 11th to address the issues that the citizens have and felt he handle it very professional. After all comments were made, Chairman Black thanked the public.

V. Management Update

Chairman Black asked for a report from Management. Kathy Horne, representing Water Management Services provided the financial report. Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of March 31, 2021. Total Income was \$81,362.58 and total expense was \$71,927.42. Gross Profit (Loss) (\$9,435.16). Total Water Sales are up this month which is good. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Joyce Banks. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then called upon Terry Jackson, Project Manager (WMS), to provide the Operations Report. For the reporting period of March 1st through March 31st, the system produced 22,521,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 11,496,130 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 49%. After adjustments of 3,503,000 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 30.08%. The utility added 4 new customers, 5 service was discontinued, and 5 meters pulled for non-payment. 96 Non Payment Fees, 88 Non Payment Disconnects.

Adjustment for Water Loss (known leaks) estimated at 75 GPM based on leak at the Bank and known system leaks still outstanding.

John Williams, Fire Chief, reported an estimated 150,000 gallons for use in Fire Fighting.

The Utility Department used an estimated 240,000 gallons for use in system flushing for previous water quality concerns.

180 Work Orders for the Month of March

Terry Jackson then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. 10.64 mgd Gallons Treated; .32 mgd Effluent Flow.

Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump

- 1. Lift Station #1 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
- 2. Lift Station #3 145 Freetown Rd (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
- Lift Station #? 461 Old Greensboro Road (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
- 4. Lift Station #? 1728 West Ave (Needs One 10 HP PUMP)
- 5. Lift Station #? 202 Omega Lane (Needs I 2HP PUMP)

Marylin Miller made a motion to accept the water operations report and the wastewater operations report; seconded by Joyce Banks. The motion carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Timeline – Ms. Horne stated that progress was moving along great and hope everything will be completed in May 2021.

ADEM Permit Transfers- Clarence Black asked Attorney Chestnut what the status was regarding the ADEM permit transfers. Attorney Chestnut stated that he had spoken with the City Attorney and was told there was a holdup by the Administration.

VII. New Business

Billing software issues – The billing software was restored removing payments that had been entered. The payments all had to be reentered so that all bills were able to be sent. Water Management Services is not happy about the software and would like to use a new software company once they move in a new building. Kathy has received a quote from Easybill32 in the amount of \$5,397 for their own license for the software along with more benefits. There would be an additional \$500 support charge for the software. Christine Bruno made a motion to accept moving forward with a new company; Joyce Banks seconded. The motion carried.

VIII. Other Busines

Chairman Black asked Kathy Horne to get with the board on future for the new office. Terry Jackson also mentioned the City Hall Well needs to be brought up to code and it is going to be very expensive. Chestnut stated a records request was made and the staff at the board office is working to pull the information together.

Congresswoman Sewell is proud to know the project is moving forward and cannot wait on behalf on Uniontown.

Rob White asked the question when will the board consider in person meeting and 4 of the 5 board members want to continue with teleconference meeting at this time.

IX. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Callie Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF UNIONTOWN WORKING SESSION BY CONFERENCE CALL MAY 10, 2021 2:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Invocation
- II. Renovation Completion Date700 Highway 80 EUniontown, AL 36786
- III. Review of Lease Agreement Terms
- IV. Transition and Relocation Needs
 - A. Utilities
 - B. Furniture
 - C. Supplies
 - D. Sign
 - E. Other Needs
 - a. Address changes for all pertinent requirements
- V. Open House
- VI. Other Discussion
- VII. Adjourn

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown

May 11, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:07 AM on May 11th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Joyce Banks gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Clarence Black
- Callie Sanders
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks
- Christine Bruno

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for approval of the Agenda, Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Christine Bruno and all approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the April 13th Minutes, there was a motion by Marilyn Miller, seconded by Joyce Banks to approve the minutes of the last board meeting as presented and all approved.

IV. Public Comments

Chairman Black asked for comments from the public. Emefa Butler with C.H.O.I.C.E. wanted to discuss partnership to allow them access to the Old Water Tower on Mill Avenue if the water board does not plan on using it. She would like to partner with the Board to use it for Broadband Internet Service for the citizens in Uniontown. Ben Eaton was concerned that he still had not received any of the requested information and wanted to know what the status was and how long does it take to fulfill a request.

V. Management Update

Chairman Black asked for a report from Management. Kathy Horne, representing Water Management Services provided the financial report. Ms. Horne reported the Revenue and Expense Report as of April 30, 2021. Total Income was \$77,461.15 and total expense was \$84,515.79. Gross Profit (Loss) (\$7,054.64). Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Christine Bruno. The motion carried. Chairman Black then called upon Terry Jackson, Project Manager (WMS), to provide the Operations Report. For the reporting period of April 1st through April 30th, the system produced 22,521,000 gallons of potable water. The system sold 13,297,000 gallons of water, resulting in an unadjusted water loss of 41%. After adjustments of 3,638,000 gallons of known water loss, the adjusted water loss reported to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was 24.8%. The utility added 4 new customers, 6 service was discontinued, and 6 meters pulled for non-payment. 249 Non Payment Fees, 76 Non Payment Disconnects. Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the water operations report; seconded by Christine Bruno. The motion carried.

Terry Jackson provided the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report January-December 2020 (CCR) that has to be published for all citizens of Uniontown. Joyce Banks made a motion to accept the Consumer Confidence Report; seconded by Callie Sanders. The motion carried.

Terry Jackson then moved on to the Wastewater Operations report. 13.33 mgd Gallons Treated; .43 mgd Effluent Flow.

Lift Stations Identified that only have one operational pump

- 1. Lift Station #1 291 Leroy Brown Drive (Needs One 2HP PUMP)
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- 5. Lift Station #? 202 Omega Lane (Needs 1 2HP PUMP)

After the report, Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the wastewater operations report; Joyce Banks seconded. The motion carried.

VI. Old Business

Old Business was the Building Update. Kathy said they are progressing and should be done by this Friday, May 14th. Once completed then the next discussion will be moving to the new building.

Ed Morris said Uniontown need a resolution signed regarding the MWWP. The deadline is May 31, 2021. The resolution could not be approved because all board members were not provided a copy so a special call meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. Also, there is an \$800 expense to be paid to ALDOT for a \$75,000 Bond for right-of-way work required once the project can move forward.

After discussion, Joyce Banks made a motion to pay the expense and Callie Sanders and Marilyn Miller seconded; the motion carried.

VII. New Business

In the New Business Chestnut let the board know that the Governor has stated if all numbers stay as is there will be no more teleconference meetings effective July 6, 2021; all meetings will go back to inperson.

VIII. Other Business

Attorney Prince Chestnut discussed the terms of directors. He supplied a letter to the board concerning how the terms are staggered with a resolution and order.

In Other Business Chairman Black would like to see the late fee of \$25 reduced to a percentage of the water bill instead of a flat rate. He asked Attorney Chestnut to take a look at it and come up with the percentage for the next board meeting to be considered.

Allen Bowen thanked the board for everything. He said USDA is getting close to releasing some funds for the Sewer System.

Mayor Jones asked what the process is to get Veda Jones as the replacement of Joyce Banks. Mayor Jones was advised that the council must have a majority vote for the person to be placed in the opening board position.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Marilyn Miller, seconded by Joyce Banks and Callie Sanders. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Special Call Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman Black called to order a special call meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on May 14th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Clarence Black gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Clarence Black
- Callie Sanders
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks
- Christine Bruno

II. Meeting Discussion

Chairman Black turned the meeting over to Rob White. Rob let everyone know the purpose of this meeting to discuss the MWPP.

Ed Morris then talked about the different scores on the MWPP. Also, a resolution was presented to the board for approval.

Approval of the Resolution; there was a motion by Joyce Banks, seconded by Callie Sanders to approve the Resolution as presented and all approved.

Rob White then gave an explanation about the Consumer Confidence Report in more details for the board to understand better. Joyce Banks asked what the process to getting this printed. After discussion, Joyce Banks made a motion to mail the Consumer Confidence Report and notify the customers on their water bills. Callie Sanders second the motion and it carried.

Ms. Joyce Banks thanked the board for the learning opportunity and enjoyed serving. She encouraged them to keep up the good work for the citizens of Uniontown.

III. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Marilyn Miller, seconded by Callie Sanders. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

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The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board Chairman, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:05 AM on June 8th, 2021. This meeting was held in compliance with the Proclamation of the Governor in 2020 by Teleconference.

Chairman Black gave the invocation.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present, which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller
- Joyce Banks

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black asked for approval of the Agenda, Christine Bruno made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Callie Sanders. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the May 11th, 2021, Minutes, there was a motion by Marilyn Miller, seconded by Christine Bruno to approve the minutes of the board meeting as presented and all approved.

Approval of the May 14th, 2021, Minutes, there was a motion by Christine Bruno, seconded by Marilyn Miller to approve the minutes of the special board meeting as presented and all approved.

IV. Public Comments

Chairman Black asked for comments or questions from the people who had requested time to speak, Portia Shepard expressed her concern over her most recent water bill. Her usage on her bill increased from 3,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons without any changes made in her home. According to Ms. Shepard, she spoke with Connie at the water office and challenged her bill, Connie verified that there were no leaks detected and stated that there was a possible defect on the meter. Connie scheduled a service call to go check the meter on June 11th. Mrs. Shepard was concerned about having to pay the late fees due to not having her questions resolved after the due date of the bill. Mrs. Shepard asserted that the increase in her bill was not due to sewage or trash fees, only due to water increase. Mrs. Shepard asked that the board make a change to the policy for customers with disputes and not have to pay the late fees if the disputes are not handled by the due date.

Attorney Chestnut asked for verification regarding the system's billing date and the due date. He also asked when the meter would be cut off after the past due date. Chairman Black asked Mr. Terry Jackson of Water Management Services for the details of the billing cycle. Mr. Jackson confirmed the requested dates to Mr. Black.

Chairman Black informed Mrs. Shepard that he would get with the board and go over a possible solution and consider having it added to the policy.

V. Management Update

Chairman asked for a report from Management. Terry Jackson, representing Water Management Services provided the financial report. Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Callie Sanders. The motion carried.

Terry Jackson provided the water & wastewater operations report. Marilyn Miller made a motion to accept the water operations report; seconded by Christine Bruno. The motion carried.

Terry Jackson presented the quotes for the City Hall well to be pulled and repaired. Mr. Jackson also presented the quote for the pump at the Sprayfield to be pulled and repaired.

Chairman Black advised the seriousness of having the City Hall well repaired quickly due to it being peak usage season and if the well is not fixed, it could be catastrophic to the community if the only working well as of right now goes down. Black encouraged the board to take action as soon as possible so the work can get under way. The Board members asked about each quote from the 3 companies: Morrow (\$12,000 to pull pump and \$73,658.61 to replace with brand new.), Layne (\$ 22,000 to pull the pump and \$54,000 to replace with a brand-new pump.), & National Water Services (\$15,000 to pull the pump and \$68,250.00 to replace with a brand new pump.) It was discussed whether it would be better to repair the existing pump or replace with a brand-new pump.

Callie Sanders motioned to move ahead with the project using Morrow's quote, seconded by Christine Bruno. Motion was carried.

Chairman Black then moved on to old business.

VI. Old Business

Building Timeline – Terry Jackson stated that everything was finished with the building per Rob White and Kathy Horne. Derek Pierce verified that Mr. Sealy had to make a final inspection before moving and that Ms. Horne is in the process of measuring the rooms to buy furniture to furnish the office space. There is no official move in date until these things are done.

ADEM Permit Transfers- Chairman Black asked Attorney Chestnut what the status was regarding the ADEM permit transfers. Terry Jackson confirmed that all permits have been completed and turned into ADEM, all paperwork is official and finalized.

VII. New Business

Attorney Chestnut mentioned working on a proposal of ratio of late fees owed on bills. He requested a modification of rate and schedule fees on their existing section III.

Chestnut stated that due diligence must be performed before moving forward with any relationship with the CHOICE organization and we must ensure compliance with health and safety standards as it relates to the well that is apparently no longer in use.

Mr. Black received information from Mr. Phillips in Hoover, Alabama that he feels would be beneficial for the Board, Kathy Horne, and Governor Ivey to be involved in. He plans on getting Mr. Phillips, to speak with the Board at a future special board meeting. Black stated that Mr. Phillips has over 40 years in wastewater and that his insight could be valuable to the system.

Allen Bowen said he appreciates everything that the board has done and keep up the good work. He stated that he is looking forward to progress and improvements.

VIII. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Marilyn Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christine Bruno seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

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1The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:00 AM on August 10, 2021, at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Bruno to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller and approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked if everyone had reviewed the Minutes of the July 20, 2021 board meeting. Ms. Bruno moved that the Minutes of the July 20th Board Meeting be approved. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved.

IV. Comments from the Public

Chairman Black asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ellis Long said she did not know the status of the Wastewater Project but in her opinion felt Uniontown should build their own plant rather than transfer the waste to Demopolis. She felt this would allow Uniontown to have control of the operation and monies involved. She suggested the Engineer involved look closely at this option.



Commissioner Ben Eaton asked where the information on the bid for the project was posted. It was explained the Engineer followed state law for posting of the bid notice. He asked for the status of his information request? Chairman Black commented he felt Rob White was working to gather the information. Attorney Chestnut had spoken with Rob White and said Rob was experiencing difficulty in confirming some of the old documents pertaining to the copies approved by the Board. He was hoping to finalize the documents soon. Chairman Black asked Attorney Chestnut if he would follow up with Rob on the status.

Commissioner Eaton then asked about the process of USDA approving an appointment of a new board member appointed to the Water Works and Sewer Board. Chairman Black responded he undersstood it is required for the new board member to be appointed by the council member, then approved by the full council and also concurred by USDA. Attorney Chestnut responded by saying a Resolution was passed originally regarding the appointments to the Board. He said the statute of the board required the full council to approve. He felt the USDA was involved as a part of the Letter of Conditions. Their intent is to assure the USDA investment in the project is well protected and at low risk for defaults. There was discussion regarding Commissioner Eaton recording the board meeting.

Ellis Long asked if Allen Bowen has the final approval of appointments to the Board. Chairman Black responded no he doesn't make the recommendation for the appointment. The Council Member recommends to the Mayor and full council for approval. USDA merely reviews the process to make sure it is handled correctly. There was an outburst from Commissioner Eaton and Chairman Black called him Out of Order. He asked the Commissioner to work with the Board to do something good to help the people in Uniontown.

Ms. Bruno mentioned Portia Sheppard's complaint of a high water bill. Kathy Horne reported she called Ms. Sheppard and discussed the bill with her. Ms. Horne explained she verified the billing for April-July, 2021 and it was accurate. The bill in question, July, 2021 for \$79.16 included \$24.10 of water usage. The remaining portion of the bill was for garbage, sewer and sales tax.

V. Management Reports

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Kathy Horne representing Water Management Services, provided the financial report for July, 2021. Ms. Horne stated total revenue was \$93,828.05 with expenses totaling \$78,757.79 for a profit of \$15,370.26. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Bruno that the financial report be approved as presented. The motion was voted upon and approved. Mr. Terry Jackson then provided the Water Operations Report providing the gallons pumped and sold with a 31.3% water loss after adjustments. He reported 62 nonpayment disconnects. He further provided the Wastewater Operations Report. He discussed a lightning strike that took out the controls at the Gamma pump station has been repaired and is in service again. He discussed the deteriorated condition of the road leading to the lagoon and the urgency of repair needed. He said there was a total of 54 work orders for the month and all work orders were completed.

It was moved by Ms. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the water and wastewater operations report. The motion was voted upon and approved.

VI. Building Update

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It was reported there had been a delay in moving into the new office building due to an ongoing leak in the lobby of the facility. It was thought to have been repaired but as rain continued the leak continued also. It is hopeful this issue will be resolved soon.

VII. New Business

Attorney Chestnut asked about plans for future board meetings. Chairman Black asked Mayor Jones who was in attendance if City Hall would be available for future on site board meeting. If so, what would be the charge? Ms. Horne asked if the City would exchange the service for monthly garbage billing, collections, and auditing for the use of City Hall. Mayor Jones said he could work out something with Chairman Black. Attorney Chestnut requested that the motion made in the previous meeting be rescinded which indicated future meetings would be held at the new office location. Ms. Bruno made a motion to rescind the previous motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller and approved. It was agreed future board meetings beginning September, 2021 be held at City Hall until further notice or other decisions are made.

VIII. Other Business

Ed Morris then reported the Bids were opened July 26th. He reported there were 5 bidders with bids ranging from 13.8 million to 22.1 million. Contractors were informed they must meet the instructions of the bid process. Three bids did not meet the requirements. The two remaining were outside the range of funds available. He asked the Board for permission to Re-Bid the project. He said he would adjust the instructions for a clearer understanding of the bidders. There was discussion regarding the cost of advertising the bid and whether the board would be reimbursed for this expense. Mr. Morris said there was sufficient advertising expense included in the project budget for a second advertising. Ms. Bruno asked if the bid advertising could be included in a local newspaper. After discussion, it was agreed to include a bid ad in the Selma Times as well as 3 state-wide newspapers as required by law. Ms. Bruno

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moved to re-bid the wastewater project based upon the reasons stated. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sanders and approved.

Attorney Chestnut then mentioned that some systems adopt a policy to allow adjustments to a customers sewer bill based upon water leaks on the customer's side of the meter. He said currently there is no policy and the customer, like Portia Sheppard, cannot receive an adjustment. He said the board could consider a policy of this type for future reference. Ms. Bruno asked Attorney Chestnut to present the policy at the next board meeting.

There was mentioned also customer, Magnolia Sullivan at 173 Jones Street has no one living at the house. Both sewer and garbage should be turned off. Ms. Horne said the garbage falls under the City and we would need their request to turn it off.

IX. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Ms. Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a regular meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 10:10 AM on September 14, 2021, at the City of Uniontown City Hall located at 100 Front Street, Uniontown, AL 36786.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Bruno moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion and it was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Black then asked if everyone had reviewed the Minutes of the August 10, 2021, board meeting. Ms. Bruno moved that the Minutes of the August 10th Board Meeting be approved. Ms. Miller seconded the motion, and it was approved.

IV. Comments from the Public

Chairman Black asked if there were any comments from the public.

Commissioner Ben Eaton asked for the status of his information request? Attorney Prince Chestnut said the information is being collected and would be provided. He said Rob White with ARWA had difficultly in collecting some of the documents but was working on getting all that he had in ARWA's possession organized.

Mark Barnett, with Auburn University was in attendance. He explained there was interest from other groups and individuals to obtain an assessment for Uniontown regarding the USDA Wastewater Project. He indicated his group with Auburn University can conduct the assessment for Uniontown and offer another option for consideration of the wastewater issues in Uniontown to be resolved through the USDA project. He said studies of this type are used from time to time by EPA and generally the cost is around \$50,000. He said it would not cause a delay in the project because he would work in parallel with actions underway now.

Chairman Black thanked Mr. Barnett for attending and said the board members appreciated his presentation and would keep his recommendation in mind.

Management Reports

Kathy Horne representing Water Management Services, provided the financial report for August 2021. Ms. Horne stated total revenue was \$94,005.71 with expenses totaling \$79,371.26 for a profit of \$14,909.45. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Sanders that the financial report be approved as presented. The motion was voted upon and approved.

Mr. Terry Jackson then provided the Water Operations Report providing the gallons pumped and sold with a 22.6% water loss after adjustments. He reported 62 nonpayment disconnects. He further provided the Wastewater Operations Report. He discussed a critical situation that occurred in the sewer system on Saturday, Sept. 4th. He said an overflow occurred due to a large root intrusion in the line that blocked the wastewater flow. Efforts throughout the weekend in speaking with different contractors resulted in the exploration of the root discovery and the need to bypass it until the repair could be made. Contractors removed the root mass after it was identified and the problem was solved. Mr. Jackson also reported there was a total of 48 work orders for the month and all work orders were completed. It was moved by Ms. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the water and wastewater operations report. The motion was voted upon and approved.

V. Building Update

It was reported the move to the new location at 1055 Washington Street, Highway 80 East is official. Board Members commented the drive through window is not easily accessible. Also, they said customers have complained the lobby was locked and payments could not be made inside the building. Ms. Horne explained the drive through is not set up as well as expected but the staff is working with the workspace as best they can. Also, the lobby was locked the first week of operation due to a death in Ms. Harris' family and only one clerk being on site to handle the drive through as well as the lobby. The lobby is unlocked now for business.

New Business

Attorney Chestnut reported he had been asked by the Board Members to present a wastewater relief policy for customers experiencing a leak and high water loss. He commented some systems adopt a relief policy for wastewater usage because during a situation of this type when the customer experiences increases in both water and sewer usage. The wastewater usage is normally created by the excessive water leak. However, he explained he had provided a copy of the draft policy to Allen Bowen, USDA, and Mr. Bowen had reservations regarding the policy. Attorney Chestnut said he would prefer to discuss this with the Board Members when Mr. Bowen could be present for a board meeting.

Other Business

Chairman Black asked the board members for consideration of future board meetings being held by telephone conference due to the rising number of COVID cases. All of the board members agreed and it was moved by Ms. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Sanders for future meetings to be held by telephonic methods until further notice with the next meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The motion was voted upon and approved. Appropriate notification will be posted of the change.

There was discussion regarding a customer who wanted to tour the new office location of the Utilities Board. Ms. Horne stated WMS, Inc. would like to plan an Open House as soon as practical after settling into the facility and invite all of the customers to attend. The board members agreed and asked Ms. Horne to move forward with the plans. Chairman Black also commented he is always open for comments and discussion with the customers if anyone has anything they feel is necessary to bring to his attention. He said he and the board members want to successfully manage the utility to the best interest of the customers.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

Marilyn Miller, Secretary

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown Special Called Board Meeting SUMMARY Conference Call

October 8, 2021

I. Call to order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Board member, Mr. Clarence Black called to order a Special Called Board Meeting of The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown at 9:45 AM on October 8, 2021, by Conference Call.

Chairman Black opened the meeting with a prayer.

After roll call, the following Board members were determined to be present which constituted a quorum:

- Callie Sanders
- Clarence Black
- Christine Bruno
- Marilyn Miller

Absent from the meeting were:

• None

Others participating were: Rob White, ARWA; Chris Harmon, ARWA; Allen Bowen, USDA; Prince Chestnut, Attorney; Kathy Horne, WMS; Terry Jackson, WMS, and Ed Morris, Sentell Engineering

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Black stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the repair needs of the City Hall well and this was the only business item on the agenda. It was moved by Ms. Miller to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno and approved.

III. City Hall Well Repair

Chairman Black asked Ms. Horne to provide the necessary information regarding the City Hall well repair needs. Ms. Horne gave a brief introduction regarding the history and ongoing issues related to the well. She mentioned numerous attempts by Project Manager, Terry Jackson, to request various vendors to evaluate and determine the repair needs to get the well back online. All recommendations have been determined to be costly. However, she reported that recently the Alabama Department of Environmental Management inspected the water system for a Sanitary Survey Inspection. Following the inspection, a letter from ADEM was sent to Mr. Jackson instructing the City Hall well must be returned to service. Ms. Horne stated this is an emergency because if the James Avenue well becomes inoperative, customers will be without water. She asked Mr. Jackson to provide additional information.

Mr. Jackson stated the well problems began in April 2019. There have been electrical issues as well as well pump problems. Various companies have evaluated the operational issues and provided quotes. The latest quote received from Morrow Technologies includes changing the pump from an oil lube to water lube pump. The quote is \$65,123.96.

Ms. Horne said upon receiving this quote it was necessary to contact Chairman Black to discuss the critical need of repair and the lack of financial resources to cover the cost. In an effort to develop a financial plan to allow for the repair of the well, she contacted Allen Bowen to discuss the possibility of waiving the monthly \$10,000 transfer to the debt service account for 3 months as long as sufficient funds are in the account balance to meet the annual debt payment to the USDA. This would accumulate \$30,000 over a 90-day period.

Allen Bowen was on the call and stated he would waive the transfer amount requested so that \$30,000 could be accumulated as partial payment toward the well repair. He said this would be over and above the annual debt payment amount and he would need a written request from the Board to do so.

Ms. Horne then explained the remaining balance for a future approved bid amount could be financed through the ARWA Revolving Loan Fund. She asked Rob White to explain the ARWA Revolving Loan Program. Mr. White said the loan program is available through ARWA and they would be happy to assist the WWSB of Uniontown with an application. He said Chris Harmon directs the activities of this program. He asked Mr. Harmon to provide the details of the potential loan needs of Uniontown. Chris Harmon stated he reviewed the request after speaking with Ms. Horne. He said the well repair needs meet the loan program criteria. He explained if the Board borrowed the balance of the quote discussed of approximately \$36,000, the ARWA Revolving Loan Program would offer a 7-year term at 3% fixed interest. There would be a 1 1/2% origination fee, and \$50.50 recording cost. The net to the Waterworks and Sewer Board would be \$35,400. The payment would be approximately \$475 per month. Mr. Harmon said if the Board sees fit to pursue this avenue of funding, an application will need to be filed with the ARWA. Ms. Horne commented there is no penalty for pre-payment of the loan.

Attorney Chestnut asked if there is a lower interest rate from the USDA. Mr. Bowen commented the federal government is currently operating under a continuing resolution until December. He said there is no funding available now. Attorney Chestnut asked what is the total interest paid through this loan. Mr. Harmon said he would need to calculate total interest. Mr. Bowen recommended they make a decision now regarding a funding plan then they could bid the repair in order to move forward with getting the well back online. Attorney Chestnut asked if the bid had already occurred. Ms. Horne said no, a sealed bid process has not occurred, but quotes have been obtained. Ms. Horne said hopefully the final cost would be lower than the quote discussed today, and a lessor amount would be needed.

Attorney Chestnut asked how long it had been since well maintenance has occurred. Mr. Jackson responded he could not answer for the past, but there was evidence of some very old implements still in service that already had to be replaced since WMS had been working with the system. He also mentioned the staff was having to engage power with a 2x4 wooden board and he said this could not continue for safety reasons. He also mentioned evidence of Layne working on the pump in 2008. There was no evidence of pump repair or replacement, but they lowered the pump deeper into the aquifer to allow for more water availability.

After additional discussion, Ms. Bruno made a motion stating the City Hall Well is an emergency issue that impacts public health and safety of the customers in Uniontown. She moved to allow the process of soliciting bids and securing funding to begin so that the City Hall well can be returned to an operable condition as soon as possible. Ms. Miller and Ms. Sanders seconded the motion, and it was voted upon and approved.

Rob White stated once this portion of repair is done, this will be a completely rehabilitated well. He also suggested they consider the longest term available for the loan since there is no pre-payment penalty.

Attorney Chestnut said this is a good interest rate and it is also a fixed rate. He asked what the penalty would be for a delinquent payment. Mr. Harmon responded 10% of the monthly payment. However, there is a 10-day grace period beyond the due date before the penalty is assessed.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Bruno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller and Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.

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Clarence Black, Chairman

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Marilyn Miller, Secretary

From:	Prince Chestnut
То:	Joyce Banks; Chair Ron Miller; Christine Bruno; E. Butler; David B. Norton; Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL;
	Robert White; Kathy Horne
Subject:	Call meeting-July 28
Date:	Monday, July 27, 2020 8:55:31 AM
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See the attached notice. Let me know if this date works for everyone. If Wednesday is preferable, let me know.

Prince Chestnut, Esq.

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TO: ALL INTERESTED NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF UNIONTOWN WILL HOLD A SPECIAL CALL MEETING ON ****TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 AT 1:30 P.M.****

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To:	Prince Chestnut; Bowen Allen - RD Montgomery AL; Eva Dillard; Clarence Black; Mike Smith; Anderson Emily D; Lutz Daphne Y
Cc:	Benjamin Eaton (beneaton@bellsouth.net); <u>Nelson Brooke; "Adam Johnston" (bbcfhj.aj@gmail.com); Johnny Kinney; Michael</u> Baumgartner; <u>Robert Newton; Andrew Crawford (CR2); Derek Pierce; Corey Martin</u>
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Hello all,

Sorry for the delay in getting this out. I appreciate everyone's time today and our conversation. I hope it will result in positive results for Uniontown as we work together toward our common goals.

The link to the materials I referenced at the meeting can be found here \rightarrow <u>https://alabamaruralwaterassoc-</u> my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/rwhite_alruralwater_com/EukGPkgIVhxDpKSugmObvdwBtEcP8R4Iz_Xw0czZE81srg? e=RnnEdF

I will add the document Allen Bowen referenced during the meeting once he provides that information to me.

If anyone has trouble accessing that material, let me know. You should be able to download and review all of it, including the PowerPoint I used for reference, as well as my spreadsheet for calculations. Do not hesitate to let me know if you find anything out of order.

For those who weren't able to attend, please call me with questions concerning the context of any of the materials available. I'm happy to help.

Thanks again, and I look forward to our next meeting, whenever that may be.

Stay safe,

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To:	Clarence Black; Joyce Banks; Marilyn Miller; christine white; callie.sanders2@aol.com
Cc:	Kathy Horne, Prince Chestnut, Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL, Corey Martin
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All,

We need to have a quick board meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM in order to provide information and updates to the USDA project. Please let me know if you have any conflicts and will not be able to attend.

Corey,

Please post this notice.

Thanks,

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Special Agenda item:

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From:	Prince Chestnut
То:	Robert White; Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL; Christine Bruno; Chair Ron Miller; E. Butler; Joyce Banks;
	David B. Norton
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Just prior to the end of the meeting would be great.

Thanks,

. Allen Bowen

Allen Bowen Community and Business Programs Director State Office, Rural Development United States Department of Agriculture Office: 334-279-3617 Cell: 334-322-4147 Fax: 855-304-8457 www.rd.usda.gov/al

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From: David Norton <davidnorton@nortonlawoffice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL <allen.bowen@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Board Package - Uniontown

ok – I will chime up and point it out to chair.

From: Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:50 AM To: David Norton Subject: RE: Board Package - Uniontown David, under new business or other business I would like an opportunity to make a short statement to the board.

Thanks,

Allen Bowen

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To: Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL <<u>allen.bowen@usda.gov</u>>
Subject: Fw: Board Package - Uniontown

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From: Robert White Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:03 AM To: Prince Chestnut ; David Norton Subject: Board Package - Uniontown

Hello all,

Please find attached the board package for today's meeting. Also attached is a draft service rules and regs for the board's consideration.

The board has received all these documents.

Let me know if you need anything from me in the meantime. I'll be driving over this morning, but will be able to talk on the phone.

Thanks, and we'll speak soon,

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All,

The ARWA will not have any specific customer information available beyond Harvest Select's DMRs. We will be working on getting this info, but it will require several months to gain access to billing software properly, and review each account for accuracy.

In the meantime, we will use available DMR's from ADEM's efile system, as well as typical assumptions available for planning and meetings.

We hope to use this meeting as a mechanism with which we can define the current role of the ARWA and a timeline for discovery and availability of data during this initiative. I look forward to providing our update Monday at 2:30 PM. I don't anticipate this meeting requiring more than an hour of everyone's time at present.

Please, all, join via the web at the following link. Also, please invite anyone you feel would benefit from participation. Call me personally with any questions. (office and cell below)

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<nbrooke@blackwarriorriver.org>; 'Adam Johnston' ((b) (6) @gmail.com) <(b) (6) @gmail.com>; Johnny Kinney <jkinney@blackwarriorriver.org>
Subject: Re: Harvest Select Meeting

Rob, can you get Eva and I this information sometime this week so we can study it prior to the meeting?

Prince D. Chestnut

On Thursday, August 20, 2020, 09:30:15 AM CDT, Eva Dillard <a>edillard@blackwarriorriver.org wrote:

It should - let me double check. Will you be able to provide information on the total commercial and residential inputs into the Uniontown Lagoon/system in advance of the meeting? Thanks - Eva

Eva Dillard Staff Attorney Black Warrior Riverkeeper

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From: Prince Chestnut <<u>chestnutlaw@att.net</u>> Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:20 AM To: Eva Dillard <<u>edillard@blackwarriorriver.org</u>>; Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL (<u>allen.bowen@usda.gov</u>) <<u>allen.bowen@usda.gov</u>>; Robert White <<u>rwhite@alruralwater.com</u>> Cc: Benjamin Eaton ((b) (6) @bellsouth.net) (b) (6) @bellsouth.net>; Nelson Brooke <<u>nbrooke@blackwarriorriver.org</u>>; 'Adam Johnston' (b) (6) @gmail.com) (b) (6) @gmail.com> Subject: Re: Harvest Select Meeting

Monday, August 24 in the afternoon from around 2:30-4:00 range. Does this work?

Prince D. Chestnut Attorney for the Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown <u>Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android</u>

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 2:00 PM, Eva Dillard

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Eva Dillard

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From:	Prince Chestnut
То:	Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL
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Date:	Friday, August 21, 2020 8:06:41 AM

We do need them at the table. Who is the person from Tuscaloosa handling this for them?

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On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 7:56 AM, Bowen, Allen - RD, Montgomery, AL <allen.bowen@usda.gov> wrote:

Good for me.

Is Harvest Select going to be represented?

Thanks,

Allen Bowen

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Hello all,

I hope you are all having a wonderful holiday weekend.

Just a note about tomorrow's board meeting.

We'll need the President, Secretary, and Treasurer to make themselves available at City Hall within one hour of the meeting in order to sign required documents. Having reviewed your board packages, you are all aware that there will be many checks to be signed, as well as other legal documents.

If you can't be available at City Hall, please let me know how we may arrange signatures from these officers within an hour of the Board meeting tomorrow.

Thanks and have a great rest-of-your-weekend.

Sincerely,



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Subject:	Uniontown Regular Board Meeting Link - Permanent
Date:	Wednesday, September 9, 2020 5:41:46 PM
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Hello all,

Please record the following information for accessing future remote board meetings.

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Corey, please update the regular posting to include the new information. Change the date to reflect the 2^{nd} Tues of each month at 10:00 AM.

Thanks, all.

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Rural Development

Rural Utilities Service	SUBJECT:	City of Uniontown		
1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 5145 Stop 1570		Sewage Collection & Treatment Reh Grant: \$23,457,500	ab 2018	
Washington, DC	TO:	Chris Beeker III		
20250		State Director		
Voice 202.690.2670		Rural Development		
Fax 202.690.0649		Montgomery, Alabama		
	FROM:	Edna Primrose Assistant Administrator	EDNA	Digitally signed by EDNA PRIMROSE
		Water and Environmental Programs USDA, Rural Utilities Service	PRIMROSE	

The National Office has reviewed your recommendation to approve a grant for the City of Uniontown to rehabilitate the existing sewage collection and treatment systems. We concur with your recommendation to approve the financial assistance, subject to applicable Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Instructions, legal requirements, availability of funds, and the proposed Letter of Conditions.

This concurrence is conditioned upon the conclusion of the environmental review process resulting in a Categorical Exclusion (CE), a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or a Record of Decision (ROD). Furthermore, in every step of the design process, there must be public involvement to engage affected or interested parties, share information, and solicit input about environmental impacts of the project. If the environmental review process cannot be favorably completed successfully within 30 days, this concurrence will be invalidated and all funds must be deobligated...

The processing and engineering reviews were performed as indicated:

Processing Review: Penny Douglas, Community Programs Specialist, reviewed the processing information and concurred on September 19, 2018.

Engineering Review: Andrew Granskog, Michigan State Engineer, assisting the Engineering and Environmental Staff, reviewed the engineering information and concurred on September 12, 2018.

The concurrence is based on our review of the information submitted in CPAP/ Underwriting. The total cost of this project is \$31,250,000, consisting of \$7,812,500 from other sources and \$23,437,500 of proposed funding, summarized as follows:

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

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\$ 3,250,000	Delta Regional Authority
1,000,000	Uniontown Industries – Public/Private Partnership
3,562,500	State of Alabama
23,437,500	Proposed RD/RUS Persistent Poverty Grant
\$31,250,000	Total Project Costs

It is your responsibility to assure that all requirements of RUS regulations and instructions are met and the project is economically feasible before proceeding with the proposed grant. Any exception to this requirement shall be authorized by USDA/Rural Utilities Service in advance.

In cases where construction bids are opened, and the project costs exceed the amount of assistance previously obligated for the project, attempts to reduce costs must be made by negotiations, redesign, use of bid alternatives, or other means.

You are delegated authority to approve a grant for \$23,457,500. Please attach a copy of this memorandum to the Form RD 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds," and file in position 2 of your file.

This memorandum is neither a guarantee nor an agreement that further advances of funding from National Office reserves or set-asides will be made available for this project. If additional funding beyond your state allocation is needed, a "Request Funds" submission should be submitted through CPAP. A funding determination will be made following the submission of the request.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Douglas at 202-253-0504 or penny.douglas@wdc.usda.gov.

cc:	WPD	Official File	POB Francis	PMB Douglas	JFritz	S/O AL
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United States Department of Agriculture

October 4, 2018				
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Allen Bowen Allen Skh C & BP Programs Director				

The funds for this project were obligated on September 27, 2018.

Please find attached the following documents for your file:

- 1. The original Form RD 1940-1, Request for Obligation of Funds.
- 2. A copy of the letter notifying the Borrower of the obligation of funds.
- 3. The other materials submitted for obligation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allen Bowen, Community and Business Programs Director, at 334-279-3617.



October 4, 2018

Rural Development

Alabama State Office

4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 601, Sterling Centre Montgomery, AL 36106

Voice 334.279.3617 Fax 855.304.8457 Jamaal Hunter, Mayor City of Uniontown 100 Front Street Uniontown, AL 36786

Dear Mayor Hunter:

I am pleased to inform you that a USDA Rural Development grant in the amount of \$23,437,500 has been approved for the City of Uniontown. Please know that the funds were obligated September 27, 2018. The attached Form RD 1940-1 is your notification that funds were obligated.

Please contact Nivory Gordon, Area Director, in the Camden Office, at (334) 682-4116.

Sincerely

CHRIS BEEKER, III State Director

Attachment

cc: Nivory Gordon, Area Director, Camden, Alabama

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ÚSDA Form RD 1940-1 (Rev. 06-10)

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REQUEST FOR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS

FORM APPROVED

OMB No. 0570-0062

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CERTIFICATION APPROVAL

For All Farmers Programs

EM, OL, FO, and SW Loans

This loan is approved subject to the availability of funds. If this loan does not close for any reason within 90 days from the date of approval on this document, the approval official will request updated eligibility information. The undersigned loan applicant agrees that the approval official will have 14 working days to review any updated information prior to submitting this document for obligation of funds. If there have been significant changes that may affect eligibility, a decision as to eligibility and feasibility will be made within 30 days from the time the applicant provides the necessary information.

If this is a loan approval for which a lien and/or title search is necessary, the undersigned applicant agrees that the 15-working-day loan closing requirement may be exceeded for the purposes of the applicant's legal representative completing title work and completing loan closing.

35. COMMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

All requirements of the "Letter of Conditions" must be met.

36. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance my actual needs at reasonable rates and terms, taking into consideration prevailing private and cooperative rates and terms in or near my community for loans for similar purposes and periods of time. I agree to use the sum specified herein, subject to and in accordance with regulations applicable to the type of assistance indicated above, and request payment of such sum. I agree to report to USDA any material adverse changes, financial or otherwise, that occur prior to loan closing. I certify that no part of the sum specified herein has been received. I have reviewed the loan approval requirements and comments associated with this loan request and agree to comply with these provisions.

(For FP loans at eligible terms only) If this loan is approved, I elect the interest rate to be charged on my loan to be the lower of the interest rate in effect at the time of loan approval or loan closing. If I check "NO", the interest rate charged on my ioan will be the rate specified in Item 28 of this form. YES _____ NO

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Date <u>September</u>	24, 20 18	Jamaal Hunter, Mayor	(Signature of Applicant)
Date	20		

(Signature of Co-Applicant)

37. I HEREBY CERTIFY that all of the committee and administrative determinations and certifications required by regulations prerequisite to providing assistance of the type indicated above have been made and that evidence thereof is in the docket, and that all requirements of pertinent regulations have been complied with. I hereby approve the above-described assistance in the amount set forth above, and by this document, subject to the availability of funds, the Government agrees to advance such amount to the applicant for the purpose of and subject to the availability prescribed by regulations applicable to this type of assistance.

(Signature of Approving Official)

Typed or Printed Name: CHRIS BEEKER III

Date Approved: _____ SEP 2 7 2018

Title: State Director

38. TO THE APPLICANT: As of this date ______, this is notice that your application for financial assistance from the USDA has been approved, as indicated above, subject to the availability of funds and other conditions required by the USDA. If you have any questions contact the appropriate USDA Servicing Office.

