

Minutes
Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Services System Commission

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: ECIA Offices-Telephone Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Boedeker Cedar County Representative
 Jon Bell Cedar County Alternate
 Jill Davisson Clinton County Representative
 Robert Summers Clinton County Alternate
 Jerry Ries Delaware County Representative
 Shirley Helmrichs Delaware County Alternate
 Frank Frieberg Jackson County Representative
 Larry Koos Jackson County Alternate
 Joe Cruise Jones County Representative
 Keith Dirks Jones County Alternate

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Rice, USDA Rural Development, Tipton
 Marc Ruden, IIW Engineers & Surveyors
 Linda Swanson, Limestone Bluffs RC&D

STAFF PRESENT: Nesteby, Schneider

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Davisson at 9:00 a.m.

Action on June 3, 2009 Agenda

Motion by Boedeker, second by Ries to approve the June 3, 2009, Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service Systems agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Cruise, second by Frieberg to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Center Junction Project

A. Discussion/Action on Resolution to authorize issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds

Schneider said he received the resolution from Dorsey & Whitney for the issuance and securing the payment of a \$200,000 Sewer Revenue Bond for the Center Junction project. The resolution details the terms of the bond, the reserve, payment schedule and final payment in June 2049.

The Board took up consideration the resolution next hereinafter set out. Board Member Cruise introduced and moved that the resolution be adopted, second by Board Member Boedeker. After

due consideration, the Chairperson put the question on the motion, and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted:

Ayes: Davisson, Boedeker, Cruise, Frieberg, Ries

Nayes: None

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted in substantially the form hereinafter set out.

Fairview Project

A. Discussion/action on EIRUSS/Fairview Terrace Mobile Home Park Users Agreement

Schneider referred board members to the wastewater users agreement and the letter from Sheri Rice of the USDA Rural Development, Tipton office, which was enclosed in the agenda packets for the Fairview project. He requested board members' input on two items in Rice's letter: one referring to the number of users the owner of the mobile home park will be paying rates for, and one referring to the number of years of the agreement between EIRUSS and the owner of the mobile home park. Discussion followed among board members and staff about the mobile home court owner paying for a minimum of 25 users or the number of occupied, rented lots versus 32 lots or users; and whether the length of the agreement should be for forty years. Boedeker said the EIRUSS board needs to be consistent about property owners paying whether the system is used or not. Consensus of board members that the mobile home park owner must pay for 32 users and the length of the agreement should be forty years. If the mobile home park closes prior to the forty years, the owner will need to pay the monthly payments up to the forty years. Staff should contact bond counsel for review of the agreement and recommendations on language pertaining to the 40-year component.

B. Update on project status

Schneider said the attorney is drawing up the purchase agreement for the lagoon property. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has discussed waiving the consent order fine on the Fairview project as long as the project is ongoing. Schneider said a meeting will be set up with the mobile home park owner to finalize the agreement.

6. Update on Leisure Lake Project Status

Schneider said the site survey was completed; soil borings will be taken this week. The cost estimate will be updated and completed plans will be sent to USDA. Ruden said a time frame has not been established yet; there is substantial work to be completed on the lagoon design. Schneider noted the design will likely take several months. Frieberg said the public meeting held last week with the property owners was good. Schneider said the background and current status of the project was presented with no real opposition from home owners.

Other Business

A. Iowa Rural Water Association

Schneider said several people from the Iowa Rural Water Association stopped at ECIA to offer their services if EIRUSS joins their membership. Services include assistance with paperwork, permits, ordinances and operation of the sewer and water systems. Dues are \$175/year; Schneider said they work with cities in our region and their assistance is worthwhile.

Motion by Frieberg, second by Cruise to approve and authorize ECIA staff to join the membership of the Iowa Rural Water Association. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Other business

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Cruise, second by Frieberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Schneider
Director of Community Development and Public Works