

**REGIONAL UTILITY SERVICE SYSTEMS (RUSS)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS "EMERGENCY"
MEETING – 900 W. WASHINGTON ST., MT. PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY – JAN. 16TH, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The emergency meeting of the Regional Utility Service Systems Board of Directors was called to order on Jan. 16th, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Daryl Wood.

RUSS MEMBERS PRESENT

Daryl Wood, Jack Seward, Greg Moeller, Jim Cary, Bob Waugh, Chris Ball, Lee Dimmitt and Steve Siegle (by phone). RUSS staff: Exec. Dir.-Bruce Hudson and Kathy Dye-Finance Manager

RUSS MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Vander Molen-Mahaska Co. and Ernie Schiller-Lee Cty.

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Phelps-Mt. Pleasant News, Sheri Rice-USDA RD and Amy Beavers-Des Moines County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, seconded by Greg Moeller to approve the Jan. 16th, 2014 agenda as presented. Motion carried. #M59-14

DISCUSS DNR UMO Grant

Bruce Hudson reviewed with board members the decision by DNR that the \$50,000/yr. grant funding received by UMO's would be ending as of June 30, 2014. After long discussion board members agreed that they needed to reach out to their county/state representatives to see if any other options were available for funding for UMO's. **Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, second by Bob Waugh to pass the extra costs, with the loss of the funding from DNR to be passed onto the end users (customers)-unless funding is restored by the state. Roll call was taken: Jefferson Cty.=Y; Louisa Cty.=Y; Keokuk Cty.=N; Van Buren Cty.=Y; Des Moines Cty.=N; Washington Cty.=Y; Henry Cty.=N & Wapello Cty.=Y. Motion carried 5-3 #M60-14**

DISCUSS/CONSIDER COUNTY OPERATION COSTS FOR FY15

Motion made by Greg Moeller, second by Chris Ball to set the FY15 County Operation Costs to RUSS at \$8,650.00. Roll call was taken: Jefferson Cty.=Y; Louisa Cty.=Y; Keokuk Cty.=Y; Van Buren Cty.=Y; Des Moines Cty.=Y; Washington Cty.=Y; Henry Cty.=Y & Wapello Cty.=N. Motion carried 7-1 #M61-14

DISCUSS/CONSIDER RUSS PERSONNEL:

Bruce Hudson notified board members that Kathy Dye, Finance Manager had given her resignation (2 weeks' notice) but was willing to continue on part-time until a replacement was found and trained. **Motion made by Greg Moeller, second by Lee Dimmitt to accept Kathy Dye's resignation and keep on as part-time to help with transition (as needed at the Exec. Dir. discretion) at an hourly rate of \$17.50/hr. Motion carried by all. #M62-14**

Motion made by Chris Ball, second by Lee Dimmitt to post notice of open position at all RUSS county auditors offices and in the newspaper. Motion carried by all. #M63-14

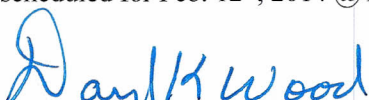
PUBLIC COMMENTS –NONE

ADJOURNMENT


Motion made by Lee Dimmitt, seconded by Bob Waugh to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all. #M64.14
Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Next RUSS board meeting scheduled for Feb. 12th, 2014 @ Henry County Emergency Management Building, Mt. Pleasant, IA.

Minutes Approved:



Chairperson, Daryl Wood



Date