June 13, 2024

The Franklin Sebastian Public Water Authority Board of Directors met for a regular meeting Thursday, June 13, 2024, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Jonathan Corbell, Sherman Hiatt, Jack Wells, Craig Carter, Dwayne Wallace and Jim West. Others present were Mike Baumgartner, Mayor of Charleston; Hugh Hardgrave, Mayor of Lavaca, and Susan Hayden.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. Craig Carter opened with a word of prayer.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting. (CC/West)

The Board reviewed and approved the Financial Information presented. (SH/Wells)

The Board discussed the bids for maintenance of the Right of Way on Chaffee. Two separate schedules were considered: initial clearing with herbicide application and annual maintenance the following three years. Low bid for Schedule 1, initial clearing, was \$34,459. Low bid for Schedule 2, annual maintenance, was \$30,000 per year for the following three years. Sherman Hiatt made a motion to reject all bids due to excessive cost, obtain a map of the above ground fixtures from Jeremy Shores, and get some quotes on clearing around the above ground fixtures and do some ROW brush hogging on Featherhill Road, second by Jim West, all members present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed and discussed information from the City of Fort Smith concerning future rate increases and renewal of expired Non-Retail Surplus Water User Agreements.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.