

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

August 23, 2021

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on August 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Don P. Campbell, Directors Gene Farmer, Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Bill Watkins, Attorney Kris Frye, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Also present were approximately sixteen (16) people.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Campbell honored employees Brad Parks (20 years), Lynn Davis (24 years), Clay Townson (24 years), and Chuck Hughes (26 years) for their service.

Chairman Campbell invited Director of Human Services Brown to give an update on the filling of available positions. Director Brown explained the interview process with the resulting employment of Taylor Watson and Conner Scott as Apprentice Linemen in September.

Director Dixon suggested considering an additional Apprentice Lineman. Chairman Campbell stated that the two new employees fill the current budget allowance.

Chairman Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board about anything not on the agenda. There was no response.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2021. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Dixon and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2021 be approved as written.**

Financial reports were distributed for June and it was requested to defer acceptance until September.

The first item for Board action was to consider the bid results for the Vonore pump station. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37

**AWARDING BID FOR
THE VONORE PUMP STATION PROJECT**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item on the formal agenda was to approve a Solar Power Purchase Agreement. Manager Ross said that the agreement is not complete at this time. This item will be considered at a future meeting.

Next Board considered transferring control over disposition of the former Hutch property to the City Council for further negotiations with the developer. Attorney Frye stated that this resolution nullifies the previous property sale authorization. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38

**APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF PROPERTY
TO THE LOUDON CITY COUNCIL**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board discussed approval of an updated agreement with Black Belt Energy Gas District for the bulk purchase of natural gas to enable large volume discounts. Manager Ross explained that the financial institution had been changed to Morgan Stanley. **A motion was made by Director McEachern and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF LOUDON, LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE BLACK BELT ENERGY GAS DISTRICT; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID PURCHASE; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GAS TO THE KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NAESB BASE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID SALE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE BLACK BELT ENERGY GAS DISTRICT; AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Board consideration was given to set the natural gas rate. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40

**ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2021**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Chairman Campbell introduced an added resolution from Attorney Frye to enable court action to acquire the property required for the water tank on Watt Cemetery Road. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

**AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY CONDEMNATION**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased from \$0.01874 per kWh to \$0.01802 per kWh. This results in a \$0.72 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Manager Ross thanked the Board for their support of the annual Riverfest. Facilities and Maintenance Director Harrell said it was the biggest celebration with 5000-7000 people involved throughout the day.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman