ROGERS WATER UTILITIES INVESTMENT POLICY MEETING
MARCH 21, 2022
3:45 PM
ROGERS WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
601 S. SECOND STREET, ROGERS, AR 72756

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ACTION ON MINUTES:

1. Approval of the February 22, 2022 Minutes

REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

RWU Depository and Investment Committee Meeting

February 22, 2022

Minutes

The Rogers Water Utilities Depository and Investment Committee held a meeting at 3:30 PM Tuesday, February 22, 2022, from the Rogers Water Administration Building located at 601 S 2ND St. Present were Brent Dobler, Utility Superintendent, Casey Wilhelm, the City of Rogers Finance Director, and Roger Surly, Designated Commissioner. Others in attendance were Jennifer Lattin, and Robert Frazier of the Frazier Law Firm. Commissioner Roger Surly called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Chairman Roger Surly asked for approval of the March 15, 2021, minutes. Brent Dobler made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021, minutes as submitted, second by Casey Wilhelm. Motion carried.

Jennifer Lattin, Controller, reported on prior year implementations and results. Lattin reviewed the summary and detail of funds as of December 31, 2021. Current reserves are and have been continuously above required minimum reserves. During 2021, interest rates continue to be at a lower rate; rates decreased due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic rates. Additionally, RWU continues to invest funds in CD/CDARS placements with an investment period from 6-months to 2 years. When investment rates increase, RWU will review and consider longer-term placements as permitted by the investment policy. Surly asked how much funds have changed from this time last year. Total reserves increased approximately 10% from the previous year. RWU anticipates use of reserves over minimum for future planned capital projects. Wilhelm noted that she has noted approximately the same interest rates at the City of Rogers for both CD/CDARS and Regions Investments.

Jennifer Lattin addressed the Committee regarding Administration of Investments and the Investment Policy during 2021. She provided documents and information necessary for the Committee to consider and complete the Oversight of Investment Policy Checklist as required by policy. Water and sewer rate increases and slower than anticipated capital spending have helped increase reserves to fund future capital needs. Minimum reserves calculated for 2022 are $12,655,000 in the Water Department and $11,732,000 in the Sewer Department, both of which are increases from 2021. Short term minimum reserves calculated for 2022 are $9,830,000 and $7,292,000, respectively. Casey Wilhelm made a motion for the recommendation to approve the Investment Policy as presented, second by Brent Dobler. Motion carried.

Jennifer Lattin provided a requested approval of the list of current depositories. The following financial institutions requested for approval are a) Arvest, b) First Western Bank, c) First National Bank of Fort Smith (First National Bank of Northwest Arkansas), d) Simmons Bank, e) Regions Bank, and f) Bank OZK. All listed banks are listed as Public Funds Depositories published by the State of Arkansas, as confirmed by Robert Frazier. Casey Wilhelm made a motion, second by Brent Dobler. Motion carried. The Committee will provide this recommendation to the Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission for their consideration.

With no further business, Chairman Roger Surly adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary/JAL

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