

REGULAR MEETING – KINGSTON WATER BOARD
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2021
KINGSTON CITY HALL

The Regular Meeting of the Kingston Water Board was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Chairman Tim Neal called the meeting to order with the following members present upon roll call: Member Tony Brown, Member Randy Childs, Member Jeff Griffis, Vice-Chair Becky Humphreys, Member Tara Stockton, Member Stephanie Wright and Chairman Tim Neal.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion made by Member Griffis, second by Vice Mayor Humphreys to waive the reading and approve the minutes as written the minutes of the regular meeting on October 12, 2021

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

Citizen Comments – None

Board Comments –

- Member Stockton-Questioned paving projects associated with ARP projects (Mr. Bolling explained we are receiving conflicting views regarding paving and that was a topic that will hopefully get clarified when we receive the FINAL Rules). Member Stockton also inquired about the status of the letter submitted to the County regarding matching funds and the deadline set for plans (Mr. Bolling explained that the City is not prepared to submit plans to the County and that a letter was sent to the County Executive and their committee requesting matching funds but have not received a response)
- Member Brown- Confirmed that the County ARP Committee did meet that they voted down all requests and stated they were going to use the money for County purposes only. County Commission met last night and a motion was made to abolish the ARP committee but the motion failed.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bolling gave updates on the following:

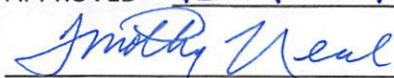
- Announced that the City received our first half of ARP funds today.
- He and Distribution/Collection Manager Kevin Hamilton attended the TAUD conference recently where ARP funds were discussed. John Greer (previously with the Comptroller's Office and now employed by TAUD) will be a great asset for consulting regarding ARP funds. Topics emphasized included: Speculative projects will not be approved; The need to focus on replacing aging existing infrastructure; All infrastructure projects will be subject to depreciation which could cause rate increases; Cautioned entities to wait until the FINAL rules are issued before you spend any money.
- Pending TAUD/TDEC needs assessment to further evaluate our needs
- Need to solicit engineering firms for projects

New Business: None

Chairman Neal adjourned the meeting. 6:59 pm

APPROVED

12-14-2021



Timothy Neal, Chairman

ATTEST:



City Clerk