

**GROVE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, March 5, 2024
3:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Municipal Services Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:00 PM with Vice-Mayor Ivan Devitt presiding. Other members present were Berwin Kock, Ed Trumbull, and Justin Wadley. Member Andy Stewart was absent. Also present was General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Darren Cook; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit, City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; and Municipal Clerk, Laura Davila.

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT:

Plant Superintendent – Aston York
Public Works Superintendent – Jeremy Brown
Utility Office Manager – Jenn Harmon

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian and/or Judy Covey were not present to speak to Trustees regarding concerns with utility policies as listed on Agenda Public Comments Number 1.

Miles Walker, representative of ARGO Development Partners presented information regarding the anaerobic digestion system and process. Walker presented information regarding renewable natural gas and connecting to GMSA's pipeline. He explained the process of converting poultry litter to methane gas and fertilizer.

Spencer Nokes, representative of ARGO Development Partners, referenced the area they are looking at is near Afton just north of I-44 Route 66 interchange. The land is right there on the highway and is 75 acres. GMSA's gas line runs from Grove up to the area between Miami and Welch.

Paul, Black Hills Energy was present via phone. Paul reported that Black Hills Energy currently serves over 1.3 million customers in about 8 midwestern states including Northwest Arkansas. He reported that they had been involved in renewable natural gas since 2016.

The representatives fielded questions, comments, and concerns from the board members and the Staff. The board agreed on having City Attorney, Darren Cook, compile questions from the board and staff for ARGO to continue moving forward. The presentation lasted approximately 45 minutes.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Kock. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull made the motion to Approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 Special Meeting. Seconded by Wadley. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Register. Seconded by Kock. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt opened the floor with Respect to Approval of a Lease Agreement with OK/RC Radio Control Miniature Aircraft Club of Oklahoma (local club, cloud busters Organization) to use property for a remote-control aircraft runway. Bottoroff reported that in April of 2013 GMSA entered into a Lease Agreement to allow the local cloud Busters Organization members to use approximately 3 acres of property located at the Public Works Facility for a remote-control aircraft runway. The lease Agreement has expired, and cloud Busters Organization has requested the agreement be renewed for an Initial one (1) year term commencing on May 1, 2024, and expiring on June 30, 2024, with the option to renew (10) addition one (1) year terms. Jared Clark, President of Cloud Busters was present to answer questions from the Board. Kock made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement with OK/RC Radio control Miniature Aircraft Club of Oklahoma (local club, cloud busters Organization) to use property for a remote-control aircraft runway. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt opened the floor with Respect to Declaring Surplus Items to be sold at an Auction in the Spring of 2024. Bottoroff reported that per the purchasing policy, prior to selling surplus, obsolete supplies, materials, or equipment with a value of more than one-thousand dollars (\$1000.00) said property must first be declared obsolete or surplus by the GMSA Chairman and Trustees. Trumbull made them the motion to declare the items listed as Surplus property to be sold at Auction on a later date to be determined. Seconded by Wadley. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that staff is looking at closing Broadway from 13th to 18th Street to extend the water line to the Shoppes of Grove (old Civic Center).

Douthit added that they will put out a notice a before the closure of Broadway. Crews will also be shutting down Industrial Road to replace drainage pipes. Douthit also reported that after that project wraps up, they will be shutting down Industrial Road to replace drainage pipes. Delaware County will assist on this project.

At 3:57 PM Kock made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wadley. AYE: Kock, Trumbull, Wadley, Devitt. NAY: None. Motion Carried.