

MINUTES
ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
November 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission was held Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Sloan Hampton, Vice Chairman Bill Poynter, Bruce Leggitt, Roy Reaves, Ann Cash, Will Brewer, Fred Fowlkes, Neal Anderson, and Troy Gaston.

Staff members in attendance included: Bruce Holland, Director; Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director; Debby Dickson, Program Fiscal Manager; Cynthia Bearden, Agency Controller; Crystal Phelps, General Counsel; Mark Bennett, Water Development Division Manager; Mike Guess, Statistician; Stephen Smedley, Engineer; Bill Ruck, Engineer Supervisor; Bob Fowler, Land Resource Specialist; Darla Brooks, Program Fiscal Manager; Kaetlynn Melton, Marketing Director; Jim Battreal, Geology Supervisor; Jake Harvey, Construction Inspector; Blake Forrest, Professional Geologist; Deanne Redman, Administrative Specialist III; and April Harris, Administrative Analyst.

A list of guests is attached to the minutes.

Chairman Hampton called the meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 18, 2019

Upon motion by Mr. Will Brewer, seconded by Mr. Neal Anderson, the commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 18, 2019.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Director Holland began by introducing the Secretary of Agriculture, Wes Ward. Also, with the Department of Agriculture he introduced Inoussa Zaki as the Chief Fiscal Officer, and Wade Hodge as Chief Legal Counsel. Director Holland stated the agency has transformed with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture (ADA), and our fiscal section has moved to the ADA.

Also, a job opening was advertised for the feral hog coordinator. We're still waiting to find out if we will get the grant from USDA. Nonetheless, we can still do things internally. The Buffalo River area is one of the target areas the feral hog coordinator will focus on; hopefully the money will be in place so this area can be protected.

A Levee Task Force meeting was held yesterday wherein the sub-committee chairs were working on completing a final report which is due to the governor at year's end.

Mr. Benefield spoke to the commission about the next commission meeting being held at 9:30 a.m. on January 16, 2020, in association with the Arkansas Association Conservation Districts annual

meeting. Afterwards, the commission will host lunch, and the afternoon programming will be provided by the commission.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORT - Mrs. Cynthia Bearden, Agency Controller, presented the financial assistance report dated October 31, 2019 (a copy of the report, Attachment "A", is attached to the minutes).

Mr. Reaves asked if there has been any refunding of the bonds (Series 2012A, Series 2012B) spoke about at the last commission meeting; Mrs. Bearden answered no.

Mrs. Bearden reported five interns have been hired and are working with her and her staff for the audits of the 75 conservation districts; a report will be given in January.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Mrs. Debby Dickson presented staff recommendations for the referenced projects below requesting financial assistance from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the Arkansas Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (CWRLF), and the Water Development Fund (WDF).

Upon motion by Mr. Roy Reaves, seconded by Mr. Bill Poynter, the commission unanimously approved the following applications for financial assistance:

CITY OF CARAWAY Craighead County

Project: Drill a New Well and Repair Detention Tank

Project Description

Drill a new well and repair points of leakage within the detention tank.

Project Financial Information (based on the City of Caraway)

The current average monthly water bill for the City of Caraway is \$19.79 based on 4,000 gallons of usage. The City of Caraway will be required to raise rates to \$28.50, a total increase of \$8.71 for 4,000 gallons of usage, in order to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Caraway is \$41,656. The City of Caraway listed the customer base for this project at 557.

The City of Caraway does not have any outstanding loans with ANRC.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$443,000
Contingencies	22,000
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	40,000
Engineering – Inspection	18,000
Legal Fees	4,000
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
<hr/> Total Estimated Capital Cost:	<hr/> \$527,000
<hr/> Other Funding Source – AEDC Grant	<hr/> -\$200,000
<hr/> Total Estimated Capital Cost – ANRC	<hr/> \$327,000

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$327,000 in a loan to the City of Caraway from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project, whichever is shorter.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

CITY OF FLIPPIN
Marion County

Project: Improvements at Wastewater Treatment Facility to Maintain Compliance

Project Description

The proposed project is needed to assist the City’s wastewater treatment facility to maintain compliance with their NPDES discharge permit. The improvements will include the following:

- 1) the construction of a new influent pump station (utilizing submersible pumps);
- 2) installation of a new headworks structure that will include screening and grit removal;
- 3) replacement of the rotors on the existing oxidation ditch;
- 4) construction of a new oxidation ditch parallel to the existing ditch;
- 5) replacement of existing clarifiers with two (2) new 25-ft. diameter clarifiers;
- 6) rehabilitation of two (2) intermittent sand filters located furthest north on the property, including construction of a roof structure covering these filter beds;

- 7) construction of a new sludge holding pond;
- 8) construction of a new lab building; and,
- 9) the installation of a new stand-by generator.

Project Financial Information (based on the City of Flippin)

The current average monthly water bill for the City of Flippin is \$25.50 based on 4,000 gallons of usage. The City of Flippin will be required to raise rates to \$30.50, a total increase of \$5.00 for 4,000 gallons of usage, in order to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Flippin is \$24,499. The City of Flippin listed the customer base for this project at 588.

The City of Flippin has two (2) outstanding loans with ANRC and is current on payments.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$2,545,600
Contingencies	254,560
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	258,200
Engineering – Inspection	162,000
Legal Fees	15,400
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	68,800
Issuance fee (3%)	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
<hr/> Total Estimated Capital Cost:	<hr/> \$3,304,560

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$1,780,000 in a loan and \$1,524,560 in loan with Principal Forgiveness to the City of Flippin from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project, whichever is shorter.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

GRAVEL RIDGE SID #213

Pulaski County

Project: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Project Description

Wastewater treatment plant improvements including a new mechanical screen, aeration and clarification, U.V. disinfection, post aeration and flow measurement. The existing treatment facility’s lagoons can no longer meet certain NPDES permit limitations. The facility has submitted a corrective action plan to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) which includes these necessary improvements stated above.

Project Financial Information

The current average monthly water bill for Gravel Ridge SID #213 is \$18.84 based on 3,740 gallons of usage. Gravel Ridge SID #213 will be required to raise rates to \$24.50, a total increase of \$5.66 for 3,740 gallons of usage, in order to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for Gravel Ridge SID #213 (Pulaski County) is \$43,405. Gravel Ridge SID #213 listed the customer base for this project at 1,500.

The Gravel Ridge SID #213 does not have any outstanding loans with ANRC.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$3,711,375
Contingencies	445,365
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	423,323
Engineering – Inspection	207,837
Legal Fees	35,000
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
Total Estimated Capital Cost:	\$4,822,900

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$4,822,900 in a loan to Gravel Ridge SID #213 from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed thirty (30) years or the life of the project, whichever is less.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

CITY OF HAMPTON
Calhoun County

Project: Conversion of (3) wastewater lift stations

Project Description

Conversion of three (3) wastewater lift stations from centrifugal, self-priming, suction-lift style stations to submersible style stations. One station will have to be newly constructed due to the low elevation of the inlet line not allowing enough storage capacity for a submersible pump to operate correctly. The stations will also receive all new discharge piping, valve vaults and a built-in bypass connection for future use.

Project Financial Information (based on the City of Hampton)

The current average monthly water bill for the City of Hampton is \$31.74 based on 4,000 gallons of usage for residential and \$35.36 based on 4,000 gallons of usage for commercial. The City of Hampton will be required to raise residential rates and commercial rates 2.5% as outlined below:

Residential

	Base Rate (1st 2,000 Gal)	Every 1,000 Gallons After	Cost for 4,000 Gallons	Cost Inc for 4,000 Gallons
Current	\$26.22	\$2.76	\$31.74	\$0.00
Effective 1/1/2020	\$26.88	\$2.83	\$32.54	\$0.80
Effective 1/1/2021	\$27.55	\$2.90	\$33.35	\$0.81
Effective 1/1/2022	\$28.24	\$2.97	\$34.18	\$0.83
Effective 1/1/2023	\$28.94	\$3.05	\$35.04	\$0.86

TOTAL INCREASE OVER 4 YEARS \$3.30

Commercial

	Base Rate (1st 2,000 Gal)	Every 1,000 Gallons After	Cost for 4,000 Gallons	Cost Inc for 4,000 Gallons
Current	\$27.84	\$3.76	\$35.36	\$0.00
Effective 1/1/2020	\$28.54	\$3.85	\$36.24	\$0.88
Effective 1/1/2021	\$29.25	\$3.95	\$37.15	\$0.91
Effective 1/1/2022	\$29.98	\$4.05	\$38.08	\$0.93
Effective 1/1/2023	\$30.73	\$4.15	\$39.03	\$0.95

TOTAL INCREASE OVER 4 YEARS \$3.67

The rate increase is necessary in order to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Hampton is \$27,004. The City of Hampton listed the customer base for this project at 619.

The City of Hampton has one (1) outstanding loan with ANRC and is current on payments.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$211,000
Contingencies	21,100
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	21,550
Engineering – Inspection	9,500
Legal Fees	6,330
Administrative	
Capitalized Interest during Construction	
Issuance fee (3%)	8,084
Other: Cultural Resources Survey	0
Other – Permitting	0
<hr/> Total Estimated Capital Cost:	<hr/> \$277,564

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$277,564, which includes a 3% issuance fee of \$8,084, to the City of Hampton from the Arkansas Water Development Fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project, whichever is less.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

CITY OF NASHVILLE
Howard County

Project: Repair and mitigate the overflow spillway of Lake Nichols.

Project Description

The overflow spillway was severely damaged by the flood that occurred on July 16, 2019. The work is necessary to prevent any further undermining of the spillway base. Without repair and mitigation, another heavy rain event could cause a breach of the dam. A dam breach would not only eliminate the city’s ability to provide potable drinking water, it would also result in extreme property damage and possibly loss of life.

Project Financial Information

The current average residential monthly water bill for the City of Nashville, based on 4,000 gallons of usage, is \$16.28. The City of Nashville will not be required to raise rates to service the proposed

loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Nashville is \$28,257. The City of Nashville listed the customer base for this project at 1,994.

The City of Nashville currently has one (1) loan and is current on payments. Nashville also has two (2) future loans with ANRC, both loans to begin repayment in 2021.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$481,808
Contingencies	48,200
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	42,000
Engineering – Inspection	20,000
Legal Fees	13,350
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	18,161
Other:	0
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Total Estimated Capital Cost:	\$623,519

Director's Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve a loan in the amount of \$623,519 (includes a 3% issuance fee of \$18,161) for the City of Nashville from the Arkansas Water Development Fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

CITY OF ROSSTON

Nevada County

Project: Improvements to 50,000-gallon elevated storage tank and replace water meters

Project Description

Improving the existing 50,000-gallon elevated storage tank and replacing their existing water meters (311).

Project Financial Information (based on the City of Rosston)

The current average monthly water bill for the City of Rosston is \$23.58 based on 4,000 gallons of usage. The City of Rosston will be required to increase the per 1,000 gallon charge by \$.70,

resulting in a total increase of \$2.80 for 4,000 gallons of usage, in order to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Rosston is \$35,000. The City of Rosston listed the customer base for this project at 311.

The City of Rosston has one loan approved by the Commission in the amount \$113,300 that is not yet closed. Payments for this loan are scheduled to start on December 1, 2024.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$414,350
Contingencies	41,435
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	62,256
Engineering – Inspection	17,610
Legal Fees	10,000
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
Total Estimated Capital Cost:	\$545,651

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$272,826 in a loan and up to \$272,826 in a loan with Principal Forgiveness to the City of Rosston from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed ten (10) years or the life of the project, whichever is less.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

**SEARCY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER ASSOCIATION
White County**

- Purpose:**
- 1) Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation Phase 1**
 - 2) Pioneer Acres Gravity Sewer Interceptor**

Project Description

1) Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation – Phase 1: Sewer rehabilitation and repair work in Basin 7 of Searcy’s sewer collection system will be designed and constructed to mitigate Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). This rehabilitation and repair work will be performed by a qualified contractor or contractors and is typically accomplished by using several different techniques,

including but not limited to, open cut, pipe bursting, cured in place pipe (CIPP) lining, jack and bore, tunneling, internal and external point repairs, chemical foam treatment and manhole repairs and replacement. For mainlines that cannot be cleaned by Searcy Water Utilities' own equipment and staff, those lines will be included as part of the contractors' scope of work.

2) Pioneer Acres Gravity Sewer Interceptor: Design and construction of a new 3,530 feet long 10" diameter gravity interceptor that removes the need for pumping and associated operation and maintenance costs of Searcy's oldest lift station (Pioneer Acres Lift Station).

Project Financial Information

The current monthly water bill for the Searcy Board of Public Utilities based on 4,000 gallons of usage, is \$22.75 (residential). Searcy Board of Public Utilities will not be required to raise rates to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for Searcy Board of Public Utilities is \$40,524. Searcy Board of Public Utilities listed the customer base for project at 7,892.

Currently, Searcy Board of Public Utilities Inc does not have any loans with ANRC.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$3,130,000
Contingencies	300,000
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	300,000
Engineering – Inspection	250,000
Legal Fees	20,000
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
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Total Estimated Capital Cost:	\$4,000,000

Director's Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amount up to \$4,000,000 in a loan to the Searcy Board of Public Utilities from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project, whichever is less.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

REQUEST CHANGE IN TERMS:

Mrs. Debby Dickson presented staff recommendations for the below referenced funds to be changed in the Water Development Fund (WDF), the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Fund (WSSW), and the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bond Fund (CGO).

CITY OF MARSHALL
Searcy County

Upon motion by Mr. Roy Reaves, seconded by Mrs. Ann Cash, the commission unanimously approved the following change in terms for the City of Marshall:

Request to Reduce Depreciation Reserve

The Commission has previously approved the following funding for the City of Marshall, with three agreements showing outstanding balances. At this time the City is current with all debt obligations and related requirements to the Commission.

Loan #	Commission Approval Date	Funds Approved	Funds Disbursed	Current Principal Balance	Scheduled Payoff Date
01062-DWSRF-F	03/16/2016	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	n/a
00855-WDF-L	03/16/2011	154,500	154,500	33,394	06/01/2021
00380-WDF-L	03/21/2008	132,712	128,956	10,492	12/01/2019
00173-WSSW-D	03/14/2004	107,324	104,287	78,609.97	12/01/2031
00172-WSSW-G	07/19/2001	96,654	93,627	0	n/a
WSSW-95-20-L	10/21/1998	100,000	100,000	0	Paid in full

Currently the City is setting aside 6% of the water revenue collected for depreciation reserve. The City is requesting a reduction in the required depreciation reserve from 6% to 3%. The City has taken many steps over the past ten (10) years to collect adequate depreciation reserves and estimate that over \$200,000 is currently available to satisfy the reserves, detailed below. As a result of the amount already collected, we are hereby requesting the 6% reserve requirement be reduced to 3%. Please know that this will not change our effort to collect reserves as we have accomplished in the past.

Labeled Account	Description	Current Amount Collected
Escrow	\$2.00 per water customer (Depreciation)	\$131,346.68
Capital Imp.	\$1.50 / \$1.00 collected per customer	\$ 93,219.07
Debt Improvement	\$1.50 / \$1.00 collected per customer	\$ 23,343.02
Depreciation (6%)	6% of water and sewer	\$ 41,757.63
5 CD's (1/2/5/6/7)	As CD's mature place into depreciation acct	\$ 53,971.43

If ANRC would like accounts combined or renamed, the City is willing to make changes to satisfy this requirement. In addition to ANRC's 6% reserves, USDA requires approximately \$25,000 annually to be set aside for short lived assets (depreciation). The reduction to a 3% reserve being collected will also allow us to fund the USDA short lived asset account required for USDA funding.

Director's Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve the reduction depreciation reserve to 3% of the water revenue collected and rename the associated account to reflect this change.

CITY OF OMAHA

Boone County

Upon motion by Mrs. Ann Cash, seconded by Mr. Bill Poynter, the commission unanimously approved the following change in terms for the City of Omaha:

Request to Defer Loan Payment

At the Commission meeting on May 16, 2018, the Commission approved a change in terms as follows:

Deferral of principal and interest on Loans: #Bond-97B26 and #00662-WDF-D.
Pay off Loan 00661-WDF-L (\$133,359) on December 1, 2018
Semiannual payments on Loan #Bond 97B26 to resume on June 1, 2019
Pay off Loan 00662-WDF-D (\$125,399) on December 1, 2019

The City has paid Loan 00661-WDF-L in full on 11/13/2018. However, the City of Omaha is unable to pay off loan #00662-WDF-D and resume the semiannual payments on Loan #Bond 97B26 in 2019. The City has the funds to only pay one of these debts while maintaining operations.

As a result, the City of Omaha is requesting deferral of principal and interest payments on loan #Bond-97B26 for another year, after which the semiannual repayments will resume with the payment due on June 1, 2020.

In addition to these loans, in September 2018, the Commission approved a loan with principal forgiveness for the City of Omaha from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund in an amount up to \$850,000 for well house and chlorination system improvements, installation of a generator, valve and line replacements and other system improvements including new meters.

Director's Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission approve deferral of the semiannual payments for Loan #Bond-07B26, with payments to resume on June 1, 2020.

CITY OF WILSON
Mississippi County

Upon motion by Mr. Fred Fowlkes, seconded by Mr. Will Brewer, the commission unanimously approved the following change in terms for the City of Wilson:

Project: Regionalization of Rivercrest Schools and Marie to Wilson

Project Description

Rivercrest School and the Town of Marie have operated a treatment system without a permit since 1970 which has resulted in a Consent Administrative Order (CAO). A preliminary engineering report, dated February 20, 2017, proposes the school and Marie to pump their sewage to Wilson, thus eliminating a discharge. The preliminary report includes expanding Wilson's treatment facility to handle an additional load, pump station improvements and a force main for an estimated project cost of \$750,000. Marie has received a grant from AEDC in the amount of \$150,000 towards this project's cost.

The project has evolved to a point where Wilson has become the funding entity. Agreements are in place for Wilson to operate Marie's water and sewer and the school has agreed to pay the remaining debt service required by a \$600,000 loan.

Project Financial Information

The Commission approved an amount up to \$600,000 for this project at the July 2019 meeting from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. However, the City of Wilson has elected to request the funding source changed to the General Obligation Bond program.

The current average monthly water bill for the City of Wilson, based on 4,000 gallons of usage, is \$16.00. The City of Wilson will not be required to raise rates to service the proposed loan, including 110% loan coverage. The current three year (2015-2017) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for the City of Wilson is \$49,787. The City of Wilson listed the customer base for this project at 432.

The City of Wilson currently has no loans with ANRC.

General Obligation Bond program requires a 3% issuance fee. As a result of changing the funding to the General Obligation Bond program, the recommend funding amount is increased to an amount up to \$618,000 (\$600,000 + 3% Issuance Fee \$18,000), the proposed term will not exceed twenty (20) years.

Estimated Project Costs

Construction:	\$622,000
Contingencies	78,000
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction	50,000

Engineering – Inspection	0
Legal Fees	0
Administrative	0
Capitalized Interest during Construction	0
Issuance fee (3%)	18,000
Other:	0
Other:	0
Total Estimated Capital Cost:	\$768,000
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Other Funding Source – AEDC Grant	-\$150,000
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Total Estimated Capital Cost – ANRC	\$618,000

Director’s Recommendation

The Staff recommends that the Commission de-obligate \$600,000 which was approved July 17, 2019 from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund and approve a loan in the amount of \$618,000 (includes 3% issuance fee) for the City of Wilson from the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bond fund. The repayment schedule will not exceed twenty (20) years or the life of the project.

If approved, the Director will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

DEOBLIGATION OF FUNDS:

Mrs. Debby Dickson reported on the below referenced funds to be deobligated from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Fund (WSSW):

Sparkman (01054-WSSW-G) \$151.00

Deobligate funds in the amount of \$150.00 that were approved in November 2015 from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Fund. Entity has completed project with \$151.00 left-over.

Dumas-DW (01143-DWSRF-L) \$920,000.00

Deobligate funds in the amount of \$920,000.00 that were approved in September 2017 from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Entity is not proceeding with water project.

Dumas-DW (01144-DWSRF-PF) \$1,400,000.00

Deobligate funds in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 that were approved in September 2017 from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Entity is not proceeding with water project.

CONSERVATION DIVISION – Deputy Director Ryan Benefield announced the following appointments and reappointment for the conservation districts:

Appointments to Conservation District Boards – Upon motion by Mr. Fred Fowlkes, seconded by Mr. Will Brewer, the commission unanimously approved the following appointments:

Buffalo County
Clark County
Lincoln County
Lincoln County
Pulaski County
Van Buren County

Bill Baze
Rebecca Baumgardner
Lynne Alder
Keith Shepherd
John Crabtree
Bill Isom

Reappointments to Conservation District Boards - Upon motion by Mr. Neal Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Ann Cash, the commission unanimously approved the following reappointments:

Sebastian County

Doug Ellison

DAM SAFETY PROGRAM – Stephen Smedley, Engineer, gave a short presentation on the dam safety program. He spoke to the commission about the background of the current dam safety employees with the Natural Resources Commission, what they do, the importance of the program, and how it is funded. Mr. Smedley also gave some examples of past dam breaches and the serious side effects that occurred.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Activity reports were presented by Debbie Moreland, Arkansas Association Conservation Districts (AACD); Drew Westerman, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and Jaysson Funkhouser, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of Schedule of Meetings for 2020: Upon motion by Mr. Bruce Leggitt, seconded by Mr. Neal Anderson, the commission unanimously approved the following schedule of dates for 2020: January 16, 2020; March 18, 2020; May 20, 2020; July 15, 2020; September 16, 2020; November 18, 2020.

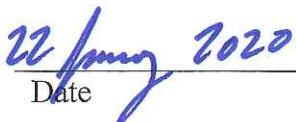
Elections of Officers for the year 2020: Nominating Committee Chairman Will Brewer recommended the following officers for 2020: Mr. Bill Poynter, Chairman, and Mr. Bruce Leggitt, Vice Chairman. Upon motion by Mr. Fred Fowlkes, seconded by Mr. Neal Anderson, the commission unanimously approved the recommendation for the year 2020 Chairman and Vice Chairman.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.



Bruce Holland
Director



Date

