

Higgins Lake Utility Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hartman at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call: Present: Cook, English, Wood, Hartman, and Riley. Absent: None

Motion by Riley, second by English, **CARRIED** to approve the agenda. Yeas: All Nays: None

During this special meeting the board discussed the Basis for Connection Agreement drafted by the State of Michigan with input from Larry Fox from C2AE. Fox was asked to begin the discussion by reviewing the State's proposal and how the numbers were developed. Fox also stated that he would need to limit his comments to be sure as to not come across as negotiating for the State. The State's proposal was \$154,000 buy-in and 19 REU's. Cook reviewed the proposal from the Lyon Township board and how he developed his numbers. The Township proposal called for a 160,575 and 67 REU's. Cook also stated that if some of the numbers he used were updated the REU's may be able to be reduced to 54 REU's. Hartman stated that the Beaver Creek board had felt comfortable with the State's proposal and gave the go ahead with \$154,000 and 19 REU's. Tatro also reviewed the proposal and how the Ordinance was set up to reflect additional users. The HLUA attorney stated that with his experience it is important as a government entity with a fiduciary responsibility to go conservative and that it would be better to base the numbers on history/reality and rely on the supportable numbers that were developed by C2AE of 154,000 and 19 REU's. Motion by Hartman to accept the Basis for Connection Agreement with the changes to correspond to the current Township Ordinance and \$154,000 and 19 REU's. No Second motion died for lack of support. Motion by Hartman, second by Riley, **CARRIED** to approve the Basis of Agreement with the changes needed to correspond with the current Township Ordinance and \$160,000 buy in fee and 30 REU's. Roll Call vote Riley-yes, Hartman-yes, Wood-yes, English-yes, Cook-no.

Public comment: Several members of the audience offered opinions on the proposed project.

Meeting adjourned 12:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Tatro
Business Manager

Ron Wood
Secretary