

Minutes of the Development Authority of Crawford County held via teleconference Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS Present:

Arthur Bentley
Charles "Hill" Bentley
Martha McAfee
Daniel "Woody" Morgan
Charles Westberry

MEMBERS Absent

Brenda Carroll
Josh Lewis

OTHERS Present:

Kevin Brown (Seyfarth & Shaw)
Tim Conboy (Kruger Energy)
Lesley McNary
Harris Sullivan (Seyfarth & Shaw)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman, Charles "Hill" Bentley.

Invocation: Given by Arthur Bentley.

Standard Order of Business: Vice-Chairman, Charles "Hill" Bentley called for a motion to approve the agenda but to take up the business of Kruger Energy first as well as approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting. Martha McAfee made the motion; Arthur Bentley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Grass Cutting Bids the CCDA received two bids for the 2-year grass cutting contract with the contract period being March 31, 2020-March 31, 2022. Chan Evans submitted a bid of 1150.00 per cut, Vickery Land Management submitted a bid of 1050.00 per cut, both businesses have the required general & worker's compensation insurance to bid. After discussion, Charles "Hill" Bentley called for a motion to accept the bid of 1150.00 per cut from Chan Evans. Arthur Bentley made the motion; Martha McAfee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Tim Conboy (Kruger Energy) gave a brief overview of the project and the development of the project thus far in an attempt to bring the new board members up to date on the project as well as answer any questions the board may have concerning the project. Kruger Energy and the CCDA have been working together since March of 2017 developing a 240-million-dollar solar project here in Crawford County.

Kruger Energy has purchased approx. 2,400 acres of land, improved the roads within the property, harvested timber from the property and installed a meteorological station at the site that collects data as to how much sun shines on the property (how strong the solar is) In addition, special exemption permits have been granted for the project. Interconnection agreements between Georgia Power, Georgia Transmission and Kruger Energy have been signed and the project is ready to package. The MOU currently in place between Kruger Energy and the CCDA expires on 12/30/20. Kruger is requesting a 3-year extension to the current MOU as they are in advanced discussions with a buyer who has been successful with Georgia Power's RFP in the past. Kruger expects the transaction with the company they are working with to close in the next few weeks. If the sale goes through, Kruger will still own the property, the revenue to Crawford County remains the same as well as the payment of 12,500 due yearly to the Authority until the project begins.

Kevin Brown/ Harrison Sullivan (Seyfarth & Shaw) have received and reviewed the letter of support that Kruger has requested the CCDA sign. The letter itself is non-binding and will be used internally between Kruger and the purchasing company. Kevin Brown and Harrison Sullivan are also in receipt of the MOU and after review of the letter and MOU Brown suggested the board extend the MOU for two years -vs- three years to take into consideration the local elections which will take place later this year. The approval of the letter and the extension of the MOU are at no cost to the CCDA and the Kruger payment of 12,500 yearly until the project comes to fruition will continue.

After discussion of the letter of support and the MOU Charles Westberry called for a motion to approve the letter of support as well as extend the MOU for the 3 years requested with the stipulation that Kruger would pay 37,500 at the time the project is transferred. (12,500 per year x's 3 years= 37,500) Martha McAfee made the motion, Hill Bentley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The local taxing Authorities (BOC, BOE, tax assessor and tax commission) will need to approve/acknowledge the MOU as well.

Adjournment at 7:28 p.m. with no other business to discuss Charles "Hill" Bentley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Arthur Bentley made the motion, Martha McAfee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.