



## **LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**January 24, 2017**

**8:15 a.m.**

### **Minutes**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ted Davenport, Chairman (Municipal), Wofford Woods (I), Philip O'Dell (II), Jurell Byrd (III), Bill Teague, Treasurer (IV), Susan Curry (V), John McMurray, Vice-Chairman (VI) and E.L. Mason, Secretary (VII)

**STAFF:** Jeff Field, Executive Director  
Kevin Anderson, Director of Operations and Engineering  
Debbie Price, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service  
Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

**ATTORNEY:** Allen M. Wham

**PRESS:** Laurens Advertiser

**GUEST:** Theodore B. DuBose, Attorney, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.  
James W. Sheedy, Attorney, Driscoll Sheedy, P.A.

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Approval of Amended Agenda**

**Approval of November 22, 2016 Minutes**

**Chairman Remarks**

**Executive Director Remarks**

**LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary**

**LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary**

## **New Business**

1. 2017 Series Bond Resolution
2. Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC Resolution
3. EDA/RIA UCBI Checking Account

## **Executive Session**

*Upon returning to open session, the Commission may take whatever action deemed appropriate on matters discussed in executive session.*

1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood

## **Other Business**

1. Lake Greenwood Water Withdrawal Agreement

## **Adjourn**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:25am in the Board Room of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner McMurray.

## **APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

EDA/RIA UCBI Checking Account

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED *that the amended agenda be approved as submitted.*

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner McMurray. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 22, 2016 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Woods MOVED *that the November 22, 2016 minutes be accepted as submitted.*

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## **CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

Chairman Davenport welcomed the press, Theodore B. DuBose and Jim Sheedy to the meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS**

Information for filing the 2017 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) report is included in the packet. All elected, appointed and government officials are required to file the report by March 30, 2017. Failure to do so will result in a minimum late filing penalty of \$100.00.

## **LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The monthly financial summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet. The packet includes numbers for November and December.

As of December 31, 2016, LCWSC currently had a total of \$4,613,942 in cash and cash reserves as compared to \$4,084,406 this time in FY16.

## **LCWSC MONTHLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY**

The monthly operations summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of this summary can be found in the Commissioner Board packet.

There were 93 new services installed as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 16 active service line leaks and 13 active main line leaks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 2017 Series Bond Resolution**

Mr. Dubose discussed the 2017 Series Bond Resolution, Phase 2. This resolution is for a \$6,115,000 refunding revenue bond. Once completed, Carter Bank and Trust will be the single creditor.

Commissioner Mason MOVED *that the 2017 Series Bond Resolution be approved as submitted*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd.  
MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

### **2. Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC Resolution**

Mr. Field stated more information is needed before proceeding with the resolution.

The Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC Resolution discussion will be postponed until a later date.

### 3. **EDA/RIA Checking Account**

Mr. Field stated that one of the requirements of the EDA/RIA grant for Mogul, SC is a dedicated checking account.

United Community Bank requires a board vote each time a new checking account is opened.

Commissioner Teague MOVED *that the EDA/RIA Bank Account be approved.*

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Woods.

MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners go into Executive Session at 9:06am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Commissioner McMurray MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners come out of Executive Session at 9:40.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 1. **Proposed Lake Greenwood Water Withdrawal Agreement**

Mr. Field provided an updated on the proposed Lake Greenwood Water Withdrawal Agreement.

Greenwood County unanimously approved the water withdrawal agreement with Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission (LCWSC) on January 3, 2017. The term coincides with the FERC permit, which expires in 2035, plus includes any renewals.

Greenwood County will allow up to 18 million gallons per day from Lake Greenwood. LCWSC will make annual payments that begin at \$100,000 and increase yearly at a rate of 2%. Payments will not begin until water withdrawal begins. LCWSC will also pay for any costs related to the state and federal permit review process and half of the costs of a future composite water sampling.



LCWSC will inform customers about lake issues, adhere to conservation measures under conditions of drought, install an additional USGS lake level gauge, and be an active partner with supporting the lake.

Mr. Field opened the meeting to discussion.

Commissioner Teague stated that the Capital Improvement Committee feels this is a good project that will allow LCWSC to move forward. Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Woods were all in agreement and commended the Capital Improvement Committee on a job well done. Commissioner Curry stated that this is a major step and we are looking forward to the service we can provide to our customers.

Chairman Davenport discussed the agreement and stated that LCWSC has relied upon the Laurens Commission of Public Works, City of Clinton and Greenville Water System for a long time. It has been a pleasure getting to know Greenwood County; they have been very courteous and helpful. He also expressed appreciation for the services of Jim Sheedy and for the support of Laurens County, Jon Caime and Ernie Segars.

Commissioner Teague MOVED *that the Proposed Lake Greenwood Water Withdrawal Agreement be approved.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Woods. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## Adjourn

Commissioner Curry MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 9:58am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on November 22, 2016 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held January 24, 2017.



E. L. Mason, Secretary