



LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

February 28, 2017

8:15 a.m.

MINUTES

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: Clinton Chronicle

GUEST: Kevin Laird, Steve Cawood and Tony Reid, Goodwin/Mills/Cawood
Rob Weisner, Accountant with Bland Roper, CPA.

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of January 24, 2017 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. FY 16 Audit

Old Business

1. Proposed Lake Greenwood Water Plant Status Update

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:19 am in the Board Room of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Woods.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 24, 2017 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Byrd MOVED *that the January 24, 2017 minutes be accepted as submitted.*
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed Kevin Laird, Steve Cawood, Tony Reid, Rob Weisner and the press to the Board of Commissioners meeting.

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.

As of January 31, 2017, LCWSC currently had a total of \$5,332,667 in cash and cash reserves as compared to \$4,034,926 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. Mr. Field and Mr. Anderson discussed new taps, main line leaks and service line leaks.

There were 111 new services installed as of January 31st. There were 10 main line leaks and 12 lateral line leaks repaired during the month of January. 4 active service line leaks and 2 active main line leaks were open as of January 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 16 Audit

Mr. Field opened discussion of the FY16 audit. LCWSC is shifting investments away from CDs to the local government investment fund for a better return on money. Mr. Field also noted that audit reporting was delayed from November to February due to changes in personnel, the accounting software, and the billing software.

Mr. Field turned the discussion over to Rob Weisner, Accountant with R. Bland Roper, Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Weisner expressed his appreciation to Ms. Nelson and Mrs. Medlock and their staff for their diligent work on the software changes and support during the audit. Mr. Weisner discussed the independent auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis, combined statements of net position, and the schedule of findings. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission. The auditor's report on compliance for each major federal award program for Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission expresses an unmodified opinion on the major federal program.

The following are key financial highlights:

- Total assets increased by \$475 thousand from the previous fiscal year, and at year-end totaled \$68.3 million; this amount exceeded total liabilities by \$37.9 million. The Commission's Net Position is strong at \$38.4 million, an increase of \$1.5 million from the prior fiscal year.
- Operating revenues for the fiscal year 2016 increased 4.93% or \$467 thousand, compared to fiscal year 2015.
- Operating expenses for fiscal year 2016, before depreciation, increased 5.47% or \$476 thousand, compared to fiscal year 2015.
- Total operating income for the year was \$667 thousand compared to an operating income of \$778 thousand in the prior year.
- Long-term debt decreased from \$26.5 million in 2015 to \$25 million in 2016.

Commissioner Woods MOVED *to accept the FY16 Audit as submitted*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner McMurray. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Lake Greenwood Water Plant Status Update

Kevin Laird of Goodwin/Mills/Cawood provided an update on the proposed Lake Greenwood Water Plant – Phase I.

Phase I will be completed by September 2017 and the facility construction should be completed by Spring 2021.

Phase I completed activities to date:

- Preliminary Engineering Report
- Environmental Report

- April 2016 trip to Washington, DC for discussion with USDA and others
- September 6, 2016 – Letter of Conditions (\$36,543,400) with \$1.18M in grant
- Population and Demand Projections
- Water Withdrawal Effects
- Treatment Options (Manufacturer's Presentations)
- Greenwood County Water Withdrawal Agreement
- Santee Cooper Consent Letter
- Water Quality Sampling at Intake Location
- Surface Water Withdrawal Permitting Application
- FERC Preliminary Engineering Report

Phase I Completion Timeline:

- Distribution Modeling and Cost Estimating (*To be completed in March*)
- Jar Testing – Flocculation and Sedimentation (*To be completed in April*)
- Plant Visits (*To be completed in May*)
- Capital and O&M Cost Estimating (*To be completed in August*)
- Pilot Studies (*To be completed in August*)
- USDA PER Amendment (*To be completed in September*)
- Phase I will be complete in September 2017
- We expect design work can begin in April 2017
- With April 2017 design commencement, construction completion will be April 2021

The Lake Greenwood WTP project is funded by a USDA 40 year loan of \$36,543,400 and a \$1.8 million grant. Greenwood County Council approved the agreement with LCWSC on January 3, 2017; the LCWSC Board of Commissioners approved the agreement on January 24, 2017.

Chairman Davenport stated that the approvals are “two huge steps” forward for the project.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 9:50am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on February 28, 2017 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held March 28, 2017.



E. L. Mason, Secretary