



**Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**February 23, 2016**

**8:15am**

**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 (VI) and E.L. Mason, Secretary (VII)

**STAFF:** Jeff Field, Executive Director  
Kevin Anderson, Director of Operations and Engineering  
Debbie Price, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Heather Owens, Director of Finance and Human Resources

**ATTORNEY:** Allen M. Wham

**PRESS:** Clinton Chronicle, Laurens Advertiser

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Approval of Amended Agenda**

**Approval of January 26, 2016 Minutes**

**Chairman Remarks**

**Executive Director Remarks**

**LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary**

## **New Business**

1. Lake Rabon Trails Phase III

## **Other Business**

1. Community Outreach

## **Executive Session**

1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.
2. Discussion of negotiations related to purchase of property and matters related to legal advice or attorney client privilege.

## **Adjourn**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:20am in the Board Room of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Woods.

## **APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED *that the amended agenda be approved as submitted.*  
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 26, 2016 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Woods MOVED *that the minutes be accepted as submitted.*  
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

## **CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

Chairman Davenport welcomed the press to the meeting.

## **LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

As of January 31, 2016 LCWSC currently had a total of \$4,034,926 in cash and cash reserves as compared to \$3,552,502 this time in FY15. The difference is partially due to our capital rate increase and more revenue in both the sewer treatment and sewer collection systems, as well as fewer capital expenses in FY16 than in FY15. There were only three cycles billed in September FY15 as compared to the normal four cycles. This cycle will be billed at the end of the fiscal year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Lake Rabon Trails Phase III**

Kevin Anderson discussed the information that was shared at two recent public meetings for the Lake Rabon Trails Phase III (2015, 2016-17 Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant Application).

Lake Rabon, a 540 acre lake that was opened to the public in 1989, provides drinking water to the City of Laurens and 1/3 of Laurens County. Park activities include boating, fishing, playgrounds, picnic shelters, meeting shelters and a handicap accessible walking trail.

The RTP Grant will assist with new trails, paving and facilities. The RTP is a grant/local match (80%/20%) program. Accepted projects will receive grant certificates by September 2016 and construction must be complete within two years.

Trails Phase III Improvements include:

- 2,800 LF of new un-paved multi-use trail, cleared and grubbed along creek bank
  - Includes new tables, benches and trash bins
- 2,170 LF of existing un-paved trail will be paved
- Conversion of upper parking area from gravel to pavement
- New trash bins

Proposed Trail Improvements Budget:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| • Paving                        | \$65,000        |
| • Gravel and Asphalt            | \$9,000         |
| • Furnishings                   | \$7,000         |
| ◦ (Tables, Benches, Trash bins) |                 |
| • Installation by LCWSC         | <u>\$15,000</u> |
| • TOTAL PROJECT COST:           | \$96,000        |
| • RTP 80% Grant:                | \$77,000        |
| • LCWSC 20% Match (some cash):  | \$19,000        |

## Other Business

### 1. Employee Community Involvement

Mrs. Price provided an update on Employee Community Involvement.

Past activities included:

- Local Christmas parades
- Gifts for two Christmas families in need
- “Bags of Love” for local senior citizens for Valentine’s Day

Upcoming events include:

- Beautify Laurens County Quarterly Clean up – March 16, 2016
- March of Dimes 2016 Campaign
- Relay for Life 2016 Campaign

Activities planned for March of Dimes and Relay for Life:

- BBQ plate sale
- Softball Tournament
- Raffles
- Candy sales
- Purple Toilet

## Executive Session

1. **Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.**
2. **Discussion of negotiations related to purchase of property and matters related to legal advice or attorney client.**

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners go into Executive Session at 9:10am* to discuss a contractual/legal matter. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners come out of Executive Session at 9:55am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Teague. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

No vote taken. Informational only.

## Adjourn

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:00 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on February 23, 2016 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held March 22, 2016.



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E. L. Mason, Secretary