

Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting July 24, 2018 8:15am

Minutes

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

STAFF:

Jeff Field, Executive Director

Steve Griffin, Construction Manager

Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance and Operations Manager

Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service

Debbie Price, Executive Assistant KC Price, Engineering Manager

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUEST: Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director of the Laurens County Development Corporation

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of June 26, 2018 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

- 1. Water Distribution Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Report
- 2. Connexial Center Industrial Park Jon Coleman, Executive Director of the Laurens County Development Corporation

Old Business

- 1. Mogul Sanitary Sewer Project Update
- 2. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Executive Session

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

1. Discussion of negotiations related to the proposed sale of property

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:15am 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 June 26, 2018 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the press to the 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 June 30, 2018, LCWSC currently had a total of \$4,612,913 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$4,835,636 this time in FY17.

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 reported 208 new services installed as of June 30, 2018, with 16 new services in the month of June. There were 7 active service line leaks and 4 active main line leaks.

Mr. Mattison reported the total water loss for the month of June was 31% of which 26% was unaccounted for through background leaks in the system. The rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss is 16.49%. The target is 18.00%. LCWSC is working with Missions to capture subtle changed in flows and master meters are being read bi-weekly. The goal is to start calculating the flow out of each tank daily. This may allow staff to discover larger leaks sooner.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Distribution Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Report

Mr. Mattison provided a power point presentation for the Water Distribution CMOM report.

Current Water Assets

- 10 Elevated Tanks
- 3 Pump Stations
- 849 Fire Hydrants
- 338 Post Hydrants
- 3985 System Valves
- 522 Blow Offs
- 25 Auto Flushers
- 17 PRVs/Control Valves

Mains

- 5388 ft. (1")
- 724 ft. (1.5")
- 17 miles (2")
- 163 miles (3")
- 170 miles (4")
- 232 miles (6")
- 125 miles (8")
- 20 miles (10")
- 42 miles (12")
- 2 miles (16")

Total Feet 4,390,806 or 832 miles

The FY 2019 schedule will include:

- Flushing
- Flow Tests
- Valve Exercising and Maintenance
- Hydrant, Post Hydrant and Blow Off Maintenance
- Tank Wash outs
- PRV and Control Valves
- System Pressure Recording

Other Operator Duties:

- Respond to water distribution service requests
- Perform checks weekly on all elevated tanks
- Perform checks twice per week at pump stations
- Check and sample auto-flushers every two weeks
- Assist crew with leaks
- Sampling for disinfection byproducts evaluation
- Read mater meters every two weeks

Mr. Field stated that today's presentation was an overview and quantity reports will be provided moving forward.

2. Connexial Center Industrial Park - Jon Coleman, Executive Director of the Laurens County Development Corporation(LCDC)

Mr. Coleman provided an update on the Connexial Center project in northern Laurens County. The Connexial Center is a project of Laurens Electric Cooperative (LEC), the SC Power Team, SC Department of Commerce and the LCDC.

LEC purchased the land for approximately \$4.5 million with a \$3.5 million appropriation from the SC Power Team and \$1 million from restricted LCDC funds. The LCWSC portion of the project will be grant funded with 9000 linear feet of 12-inch waterline along the frontage road, a sewer lift station and 4-inch force main. The existing pump station at Country Fresh will relocate to the industrial park and continue to serve Country Fresh plus the industrial park. The grant funds have no match requirements.

Once complete, the Connexial Center could accommodate 3 million square feet of manufacturing space. A private developer has also expressed interest in building a 150,000 to 200,000 square feet spec building.

Mr. Coleman stated that the project is in the final design phases. The first phase should go out to bid the 2^{nd} or 3^{rd} week in August.

Developers have also applied for a DOT day lighting permit to allow tree removal that will make the industrial park visible from I-385. The entire area at exit 14 needs major traffic management upgrades and the LCDC has requested a DOT interchange report and corridor study.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mogul Sanitary Sewer Project Update

Mr. Field stated this project is about 85% - 90% complete. Underground electricity is being provided to the sewer lift station. A grant will cover the cost of a complete overlay of the right of way. ISO Poly Films has expressed interest in connecting to the system and this project will later provide sewer service to Gray Court-Owing School.

2. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Mr. Field provided an update for the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Project.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is still in the process of reviewing preliminary engineering report (PER) updates and contracts. Conference calls are scheduled for every Friday morning with the contractor and ozone system visits are scheduled for August 8th and August 9th in Florida. Jeff Field, K.C. Price, Ted Davenport, Bill Teague, and representatives from GMC will be attendance for the site visits.

The goal is to be at 60% design by the end of August.

A notice to proceed to Harper Construction could be issued by the end of March or first of April 2019.

Mr. Field briefly discussed interim financing and stated LCWSC may bring a financial consultant onboard in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. Discussion of negotiations related to the proposed sale of property

Commissioner Hendrick MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners go into Executive*Session at 9:56am to Discuss Negotiations Related to the Proposed Sale of Property.

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

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners come out of Executive Session at 10:55am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Woods. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Informational. No vote taken.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hendrick 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 11:05am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on July 24, 2018 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held August 28, 2018.

Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary