



LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 26, 2019**

9:15 a.m.

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Doug Hendrick (Municipal), Sam Peden (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

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of February 26, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation

Old Business

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Update

Executive Session

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

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 9:11am in the board room of Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner McMurray.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 26, 2019 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the press to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field mentioned the Employee Recognition Breakfast held just prior to this meeting and expressed appreciation to the managers and employees for all the work they do as a team.

Mr. Field also discussed a slight change to today's agenda. The USDA representative cannot be present at the meeting today to deliver the letter of conditions; however, we will need board approval of the resolution for the funding piece.

LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

As of February 28, 2019, LCWSC had a total of \$4,618,108 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$4,957,287 this time in FY18. As of February 28, 2019, LCWSC was awaiting reimbursements totaling \$368,233 from SRF and EDA. The SRF reimbursement for \$312,773 was received on March 1, 2019 and the EDA reimbursement for \$55,460 was received on March 4, 2019. This means the operating balance would be \$4,986,341 instead of \$4,618,108.

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 192 new services installed as of February 28, 2019, with 19 new services in the month of January. There were 2 active service line leaks and 1 active main line leak.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and percent loss. For the month of February, the total water loss was 25% of which 20% was unaccounted for through background leaks in the system. The rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss is 13.54%. The target is 18.00%.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation

Mr. Field discussed the Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation. This agreement allows LCWSC to purchase the right to encroach upon the railroad right-of-way for the purpose of construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, reconstruction, removal and inspection of water lines.

There will be a \$46,968 one-time, nonrefundable encroachment fee for 1,487 feet of 16-inch diameter water line to be installed on Highway 221 near the town of Waterloo.

Commissioner Teague MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners Approve the Resolution Authorizing Executive Director Jeff Field to Enter into A Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Update

Mr. Price provided a project summary and update for the Lake Greenwood WTP.

Original Total Project Costs

- USDA approved in September 2016
- Loan \$34,810,000
- Rural Development Grant \$1,184,400
- LCWSC commitment \$549,000
- Total \$36,543,400

1st Amended Budget Increase

- USDA approved in September 2018
- Increase in \$6,041,930
 - WTP Scope Changes to include Ozone
 - Distribution Scope Changes, increasing a majority of pipe size from 12-in to 16-in
 - LCWSC commitment increased to \$2,020,000
- Total \$44,056,330

Required 2nd Amended Budget Increase

- \$4,509,020 based on 60% GMP 2.0
- \$808,480 for increase in interim financing and legal services costs
- \$266,900 for increase engineering costs for designing the ozone system and Geotech work
- Will not require an additional rate increase
- The total “Cost Overrun” request: \$5,584,400
- Amended total project cost \$49,640,730

Easements:

- Raw Water Line
 - 12 of 25 have been executed, 13 are in process
- Highway 221
 - 8 of 14 have been executed, 6 are in process
- Highway 72
 - 4 of 19 have been executed, 14 are in process, 1 is non-responsive
- Joanna (Temporary Construction Easements)
 - 2 of 4 have been executed, 2 are in process

Project Budget:**Lake Greenwood WTP and Raw Water Intake**

\$ 27,992,660 Includes contingency

Distribution Improvements

\$ 2,008,800 500,000 Milam Road EWT

\$ 1,565,305 Stagecoach (12-in WL)

\$ 4,572,050 Hwy 72 (16-in WL)

\$ 3,736,738 Hwy 221 (16-in WL)

\$ 2,457,500 Greenplain Rd. (12-in W/L)

\$ 1,660,012 (3) BPS

\$ 1,639,000 Raw Water line

\$ 1,687,425 Contingency

\$ 19,326,830 Raw Water Line/Distribution

\$ 47,319,490 Sub Total for Construction

\$ 4,200,500 Engineering, CMAR Preconstruction Fee and COG Fee

\$ 1,300,588 Interest/Interim Finance (Capitalize) - (Investment Earnings)

\$ 354,644 Legal plus Cost of Issuance

\$ 52,762,222 Total Construction

\$ 1,184,400 USDA Grant

\$ 3,100,000 EDA Grant

\$ 500,000 RIA Grant

\$ 2,688,000 LCWSC Local Match

\$ 34,810,000 No 1 USDA Loan Amount (Approved September 2016)

\$ 6,041,930 No 2 USDA Loan Amount (Approved December 2018)

\$ 4,437,892 LCWSC Additional Funds Needed

\$ 5,584,400 LCWSC Additional Funds Requested

\$ (1,146,508) Funds for project alternatives (improvements)

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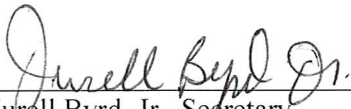
None

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:20am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on March 26, 2019 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held April 23, 2019.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary