



**LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting  
May 28, 2019**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Minutes**

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**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

**GUEST:** Rob Russian, Greenwood County Engineer

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Approval of April 23, 2019 Minutes**

**Chairman Remarks**

**Executive Director Remarks**

## **LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary**

## **LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary**

### **New Business**

1. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Letter of Conditions, Additional Funding for Lake Greenwood WTP – Debra Green, USDA Rural Development
2. Lake Greenwood Safe Yield Study
3. Special Projects Checking Account

### **Old Business**

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Update

### **Executive Session**

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### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:17am 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 April 23, 2019 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

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

## **CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

Chairman Davenport welcomed the press and Rob Russian, Greenwood County Engineer, to the meeting.

## **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 April 30, 2019, LCWSC had a total of \$5,308,442 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$4,671,205 this time in FY18.

## **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 249 new services installed as of April 30, 2019, with 26 new services in the month of April. There was 1 active service line leak and 6 active main line leaks.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and percent loss. For the month of April, the total water loss was 26% of which 23% was unaccounted for through background leaks in the system. The rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss is 15.06%. The target is 18.00%.

Mr. Mattison also discussed line extensions that are completed, in progress and upcoming.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Letter of Conditions, Additional Funding for Lake Greenwood WTP – Debra Green, USDA Rural Development**

Mr. Field stated that the last funding piece of our project has been with the USDA for 3 months and is taking longer to process than expected. We will hopefully have the letter of conditions to present at the June Commissioner meeting.

### **2. Lake Greenwood Safe Yield Study**

Mr. Field stated that Rob Russian, County Engineer for Greenwood County, has been working with LCWSC on a Safe Yield study. Greenwood County and LCWSC discussed Safe Yield analysis during the LCWSC Surface Water Withdrawal Permit application process. Greenwood County is now moving forward with the Safe Yield analysis and has asked LCWSC to review and provide input on the analysis. Greenwood County is also asking that LCWSC cost share a portion of the study.

The Safe Yield evaluation will determine the maximum amount of water that may be withdrawn from the reservoir at a given time, without negatively affecting equipment within the lake used for the purposes of water supply and hydroelectric production.

Mr. Price discussed the state water Planning Process Advisory Committee (PPAC). The PPAC was formed in March 2018 by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), with 20 members and 15 sub-committees consisting of state agencies, water utilities, energy providers, agriculture, environmental advocates, large industries and citizens.

The PPAC objective is to develop a set of guidelines for water plans for the 8 river basins and to propose final planning framework for the development of River Basin Councils (RBC).

The PPAC progress thus far includes identifying additional technical information to be developed, simplified water evaluation models (SWAM), groundwater models, and demand forecasts. The committee has identified 15 areas for discussion and prioritized basin planning activities. River Basin Councils will be engaged in Fall 2019.

Mr. Price stated that river basins are the heart and soul of this process. Each of South Carolina's eight river basins will have an RBC charged with developing, implementing, monitoring and periodically revising a water resources plan for the surface and groundwater resources in its river basin. This will ensure those water resources can meet the projected human needs throughout the identified planning horizon, 50 years, while ecologically protecting the affected environment.

Rural system involvement is an important part of the water planning process. Mr. Price noted that DHEC recognizes 293 Public Water Systems in SC. Only 36 of the public water system has more than 10,000 taps and only 10 public water systems have more than 30,000 or more taps. This means that 88% of the total providers are small systems.

Mr. Field stated Lake Greenwood is unique in that it is managed by the county instead of a power company. Mr. Field also stated it was important for Greenwood County and the LCWSC to partner on this effort to ensure the water needs of both counties are considered when looking at the capacity of both the Saluda and Reedy Rivers. It is also important that we partner to protect this resource against threats/demands both upstream and downstream of Lake Greenwood. In addition to reviewing and approving the analysis, Greenwood County has asked LCWSC to partner on funding the study. Greenwood is prepared to cover \$21,100 and has asked LCWSC to cover \$18,800. Mr. Russian stated he would like to see the partnership between the entities continue so we can have a stronger unified voice in protecting Lake Greenwood.

Commissioner Peden MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Approve Participation in the Safe Yield Study and Funding Request of \$18,800 With Greenwood County.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hendrick. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

### **3. Special Projects Checking Account**

Mrs. Medlock proposed having a Special Projects II checking account. Only one project will be run through at a time, but the account can be used again for different projects.

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



Commissioner Byrd MOVED *that the Special Projects Checking Account II be approved.*  
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner McMurray. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7;  
NAYS, 0

## **Old Business**

### **1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Update**

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood WTP. He stated that we are down to one easement to be completed; that easement will hopefully be secured by the end of next week. He stated that the dates on the project summary have been pushed back a month as a result of the USDA's delay in approving additional funding.

## **Executive Session**

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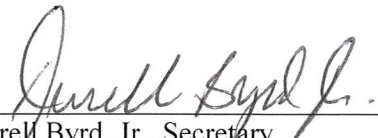
None

## **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 9:30am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on May 28, 2019 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held June 25, 2019.

  
Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary