



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 26, 2021**

Minutes

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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
KC Price, Engineering Manager

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS: None

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

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.

1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW
2. Legal and Personnel Matter

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:22am in the Training Rooms of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Hendrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 15, 2020 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 Commissioners and the press to the meeting. He expressed condolences to the O'Dell family for their recent loss of family members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Field noted that Mr. Price was celebrating his birthday today and wished him a Happy Birthday. Mr. Field stated that we needed to amend the agenda and add an Executive Session item to our agenda.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Add Executive Session Item: Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

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

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 December 31, 2020, LCWSC had a total of \$8,087,898 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$6,367,361 this time in FY20.

Mr. Field discussed the highlights for Water Distribution, Wastewater, Lake Rabon, and the Town of Gray Court. He also provided the percentage breakdown for operating revenue, operating expenses, capital revenue, and capital expenses by department as well as the overall combined percentage for each.

LCWSC MONTHLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The monthly operations summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet.

Mr. Field reported 32 new services were installed in the month of December.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and water loss for the system, which includes the percent unaccounted and the percent audited. For the month of December, the total water loss was 29.4% of which only 19.4% was unaccounted for through background leaks in the system. The rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss is 15.2%. The target is 18.00%.

There were 15 active service line leaks and 7 active main line leaks.

Line extensions, including completed, in progress, and upcoming, were also discussed. Mr. Griffin noted that they will start on Boyds Mill Pond Road next week. Ms. Nelson noted that the Old Plantation Road line extension was paid for in December 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Greenwood WTP Update

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood WTP. He provided photos of the water treatment plant, the administration building, the sludge lagoons, the clarifiers, and the ozone building. He stated that the administration building was almost completely in the dry, the lagoons were in place, and the pad was started for the high service pumps. He noted that great progress has been made out at the water treatment plant site.

Next, Mr. Price provided photos of the Milam Road elevated tank including pictures of the fabricated bowl on the ground and the erected legs of the tank. Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors are now onsite and making progress on the Milam Road elevated tank.

Mr. Price also noted that Greenstone Construction was in the process of fabricating the Waterloo Pump Station off site. He stated that they were focused on the Waterloo Pump Station first since the Milam Road Tank was in the process of being built.

Mr. Price stated that the tie-ins were complete for the Highway 72 waterline and that the line was now in service. He noted that Legacy Water Group was working on a punch list of items and currently moving fire hydrants. He also stated that the Stagecoach waterline project was a great project that was completed under budget and under the projected timeframe.

Finally, Mr. Price noted that Payne, McGinn, and Cummins, Inc. was back onsite and starting work on the raw water line.

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1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

2. Legal and Personnel Matter

Commissioner Teague MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Go into Executive Session at 8:55am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner McMurray. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Hendrick MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Come Out of Executive Session at 10:26am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Medlock stated that it is time Board of Commissioners and officers to start filing the 2021 Statement of Economic Interests reports with the State of South Carolina State Ethics Commission. She noted that the filing deadline is March 30, 2021.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:27am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on January 26, 2021 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held February 23, 2021.



Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary