

Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting December 15, 2020

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 Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service

Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance KC Price, Engineering Manager

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS:

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of November 24, 2020 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Resolution: Sell and Transfer of Service Area in Greenville County to the Greenville Water System

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 8:21am in the Training Rooms of the 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 November 24, 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 stated that he prays that everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that we had several employees on vacation this week and for the remaining month so they would not lose vacation time that could not be carried over to the following year.

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 November 30, 2020, LCWSC had a total of \$8,112,512 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$6,357,826 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 12 new services were installed in the month of November.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and water loss for the system, which includes the percent unaccounted and the percent audited. For the month of November, the total water loss was 30.0% of which only 13.9% was unaccounted for through background leaks in the system. The rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss is 14.9%. The target is 18.00%.

There were 12 active service line leaks and 9 active main line leaks.

Line extensions, including completed, in progress, and upcoming, were also discussed. Mr. Griffin noted that Johnson Road line extension was getting tied in today, and we will be moving to Boyds Mill Pond Road next.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution: Sell and Transfer of Service Area in Greenville County to the Greenville Water System

Mr. Field noted that everything had been approved by the Board for the Greenville Water System (GWS). He presented a Resolution to finalize the Sell and Transfer of Service Area in Greenville County to GWS. Mr. Field stated the Resolution is required to document that there is no negative financial or operational impact to LCWSC related to the transfer of this area. He reminded the Board of the assets and number of customers that would be transferred over to GWS on January 7, 2021. The waterlines in this area are undersized and approaching their "useful" life; most waterlines will eventually be replaced by the GWS. Additionally, the Commission currently has 193 customers in the area to be transferred. GWS will pay LCWSC \$1,203,161 for the assets and for the ability to serve this area. GWS has also agreed to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement acknowledging that the LCWSC will continue to serve its remaining service area in Greenville County in perpetuity.

Commissioner Hendrick MOVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution to Sell and Transfer of Service Area in Greenville County to the Greenville Water System. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Greenwood WTP Update

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood WTP. He stated that the doors are up at the intake and they were currently working on a punch list of items for the intake structure.

Mr. Price provided photos of the Milam Road elevated tank including pictures of the fabrication of the bowl, cross ties, legs, side walls, and ladders. He noted that Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors have moved some materials onsite and will start fabricating onsite soon.

Mr. Price also noted that the Joanna waterline was now in service and that we have received the Highway 72 waterline permit to operate.

Finally, Mr. Price noted that Greenstone Construction was in the process of fabricating the Waterloo Pump Station and that the generator will be set this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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OTHER BUSINESS

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 9:52am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on December 15, 2020 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held January 26, 2021.

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