



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 25, 2022**

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dime Hollingsworth (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)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jimmy Young (Municipal)

STAFF: Jeff Field, Executive Director
Paula Bullard, Executive Assistant
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service
Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance and Operations Manager
KC Price, Engineering Manager
Steve Griffin, Construction Manager
Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: None

GUESTS: None

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of December 14, 2021, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Resolution to Authorize Economic Development Administration Application Submission and Execution to Grant Award for Hwy 14 and Metric Road Water Upgrades

Old Business

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Executive Session

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Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:21 am in the Training Rooms of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation given by Commissioner McMurray.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 14, 2021, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

Commissioner Byrd MOVED *that the minutes be accepted as submitted*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the Commissioners, staff, and everyone in attendance to the meeting while glasses of water processed at the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility were distributed to each person. Chairman Davenport offered a toast to the momentous occasion of the production of drinking water from the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. He added that LCWSC has been discussing and making plans to build a water treatment facility for more than twenty years. Those plans have at last become a reality due to the guidance, knowledge, hard work, and dedication of Mr. Field, Mr. Price, Mr. Mattison, the entire LCWSC staff and so many others.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed everyone in attendance and passed around the finished framed group photo that was taken at the November 2021 meeting.

He gave a brief summary of the “behind the scenes” tasks and duties that must be performed to verify that all areas of the system are functioning properly prior to the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility becoming fully operational.

Numerous tests have been performed throughout the system; however, there are stressors that appear in real time that do not exist during the testing phase.

There have been minor and major troubleshooting matters that have been addressed to make sure that all areas of the system are functioning at or above the expected standards to supply water to LCWSC tanks and to the residents of Laurens County.

Mr. Field thanked Mr. Price, Mr. Mattison, Mr. Griffin, and their teams for the additional time they have spent monitoring, completing any and all necessary adjustments or repairs as needed promptly. It has been a busy week and weekend at LCWSC.

Currently, the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility is online in many areas of the county, working well and the water is perfectly delicious. Mr. Field said, “this is a proud moment for LCWSC.”

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, 2021, LCWSC had a total of \$8,462,185 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$8,087,898 at this time in FY21. As of December 31, 2021, LCWSC is awaiting an EDA reimbursement totaling \$321,752 the reimbursement will remain outstanding until the Milam Road project is complete. In addition, LCWSC is awaiting a Capital Project Sales Tax reimbursement of \$650 due from Laurens County. Including all outstanding reimbursements, the total cash balance will be \$8,784,587.

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

Mr. Field noted that LCWSC has received \$3,664,169 in contributed capital grants and \$44,575 for customer/developer paid line extensions for FY22.

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 stated that the gallons per day per active residential tap for the month of December was 115. The target is 134 gallons per day. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that the December 2022 precipitation was 3.72 inches, which is 0.84 inches above that of December 2021. The precipitation data is a county average derived from rain gauges at Lake Rabon, Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bethany Tank, and the Clinton Pump Station.

Mr. Field reviewed the work order summary for the current month reporting that twenty-two new water taps, and one new sewer tap was installed in the month of December 2021. A total of 256 water taps and twenty-seven sewer taps have been installed in FY22. Mr. Field presented a map indicating the distribution of all new taps installed throughout the county in FY22.

Mr. Field acknowledged that the new office sign was installed. Ms. Nelson gave details about the sign sharing that it is a digital sign that allows LCWSC to share updated information with the community. Ms. Nelson also shared that if it were necessary, she has the ability to update and change the information on the sign remotely. The LCWSC logo on the sign is enhanced with halo lighting.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and the water audit. The audit compares the water purchased to the water sold, water audited, and water unaccounted. The formula used is a rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss; the current month data is added as the one-year-old data is removed.

For the month of December 2021, the unaccounted total is 15,737,091 gallons. The monthly goal for water unaccounted is less than 19,500,000 gallons.

Mr. Mattison also shared the information regarding line leak work orders for December 2021. There were ten main line leak work orders closed; eight were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks, and zero were repaired later than four weeks. There were ten lateral line leak work orders closed; five were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks, and three were repaired later than four weeks.

Mr. Mattison said, "I am only as good as the team that I am allowed to put together, everything we are doing is a team effort; the team at LCWSC is the best." He thanked Mr. Griffin, Ms. Nelson, and Mr. Price for all of their contributions throughout the process of getting the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility online.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. The Clyde Road project has been delayed because rock was hit one hundred feet from tying the pipe into the main; this project should be completed prior to the next meeting. Upcoming projects are Twin Branch and Whelon Road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Authorize Economic Development Administration Application Submission and Execution of Grant Award

Mr. Field presented the resolution to the Board of Commissioners stating that LCWSC has submitted a request to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance Program for \$5,422,800 toward the project entitled *Laurens County Metric Road Water Upgrades*.

Commissioner O'Dell ***MOVED to accept the Resolution to Authorize Economic Development Administration Application Submission and Execution of Grant Award.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hollingsworth. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. He presented updated aerial photos of the Water Treatment Facility site, the Administration Building, and the Water Treatment Facility at night. He also shared two flyover videos showing the progress made as of January 12, 2022. Mr. Price told the group that the facility has been operating 24/7 for the last three weeks.

Delivery and planting of the trees continue to be a work in progress. The demand for larger trees has increased and due to the supply chain, the shipping and receiving are delayed. The old awning has been removed; a date for installing a new awning has yet to be determined. Asphalt paving and grading has begun; however, the weather plays a key role in determining a full completion date.

The expectation was that SUEZ Water Technologies and Solutions would be onsite assisting with solving and adjusting equipment for one week; however, they have been onsite for three consecutive weeks. The great news is that the issues of concern are being resolved.

The ozone is expected to start next week after the performance test are completed. He did mention that delivery times on products are far behind the normal expected timeline.

The main focus is having the facility operational and producing a quality product.

Mr. Price expressed appreciation to Chris and Jill, the Operators at the Water Treatment Facility. They have been working eighteen – twenty hours each day for three weeks.

Executive Session

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ADJOURN

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 9:52 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on January 25, 2022, as well as the minutes were approved at the meeting held February 22, 2022.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary