



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 22, 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: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS: None

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of January 25, 2022, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

Old Business

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Executive Session

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1. Contractual matter related to Laurens CPW

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:20 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 January 25, 2022, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the Commissioners, staff, and everyone in attendance to the meeting. He stated that anyone at the meeting that was not in attendance at the January meeting will be offered a glass of water that has been processed at the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. Chairman Davenport restated the positive impact that the Water Treatment Facility will have on the citizens of Laurens County for generations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed all in attendance.

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 January 31, 2022, LCWSC had a total of \$8,201,285 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$8,607,737 at this time in FY21. As of January 31, 2022, LCWSC is awaiting an EDA reimbursement totaling \$361,728 the reimbursement will remain outstanding until the Milam Road project is complete. In addition, LCWSC is awaiting a Capital Project Sales Tax reimbursement of \$15,475 due from Laurens County. Including all outstanding reimbursements, LCWSC would have a total cash balance of \$8,578,488.

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 \$3,719,620 in contributed capital grants this fiscal year. Year to date paid line extensions for FY22 total \$44,575 from customers or developers. The year-to-date line extensions include Rest Road, Phillips Lane, Clyde Road, Herman Road, Jerome Bailey Road, and Twin Branch Road.

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 average gallons per day per active residential tap for the month of January was 118. On average for the year, each customer uses 134 gallons per day. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that January 2022 precipitation was 4.16 inches, which is 0.53 inches above that of January 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 thirty-five new water taps were installed in the month of January 2022. A total of 291 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. He added, there is a good distribution of services throughout the county.

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 January 2022, the unaccounted total is 17,359,620 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 January 2022. There were twenty-one main line leak work orders closed; eighteen were repaired within two weeks, one was repaired within two to four weeks, and two were repaired later than four weeks. There were seven lateral line leak work orders closed; two were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks, and three were repaired later than four weeks.

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.

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 and the Raw Water Intake Site. Delivery and planting of the trees continue to be a work in progress. The old awing has been removed; a date for installing a new awning has yet to be determined. Grading, asphalt paving, and the fence are complete. The storage building adjacent to the clarifier is taking longer than expected to finish; however, completion is in sight.

The Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility is performing well. SUEZ Water Technologies and Solutions are continuing to work with LCWSC to change the programs for the backwash procedure and to ensure that a clean wash process is consistently repeatable.

The ozone testing revealed that there was a suction issue in one of the pumps; each pump is being tested individually to determine the area creating the suction issue.

All areas of the facility are being closely inspected and monitored. The main focus is having the facility operational and producing a quality product.

The Milam Road tank is painted with the LCWSC logo; it looks very nice. The water tank has a 500,000-gallon capacity. The project is expected to be completed prior to the next meeting.

Executive Session

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1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Go into Executive Session at 9:16 am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

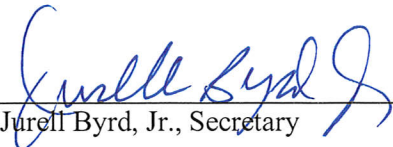
Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Come Out of Executive Session at 10:17 am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hollingsworth. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:19 am.

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


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary