



LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 28, 2025

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dime Hollingsworth (County Council District I)
Philip O'Dell (County Council District II)
Jurell Byrd, Jr. Secretary (County Council District III)
Bill Teague, Vice Chairman (County Council District IV)
Susan Curry, Treasurer (County Council District V)
Lumus Byrd, Jr. (County Council District VI)
Ted Davenport, Chairman (County Council District VII)
Jimmy Young (Municipal)

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Field, Executive Director
Steve Griffin, Construction Manager
Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance & Operations Manager
Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration & Customer Service
K.C. Price, Engineering Manager
Mary-Wallace Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant

ATTORNEY:

Allen Wham

PRESS:

The Clinton Chronicle

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m. in the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission's training rooms. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

Delivered by Commissioner Curry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 17, 2024, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None were submitted.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. **MOVED** that December 17, 2024, minutes be approved as submitted. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Young **MOTION CARRIED**. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and expressing gratitude to Vic MacDonald from *The Clinton Chronicle* for his continued support of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field welcomed everyone and noted that this meeting should be brief, as the February meeting, which will include project updates, is expected to be longer.

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, 2024, LCWSC had a total of \$7,772,162 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$7,041,201 this time in FY24. As of December 31, 2024, LCWSC was awaiting an LCDC reimbursement of \$2,969, an RIA reimbursement of \$4,000, and a SRF reimbursement of \$23,660. This means the total cash balance would be \$7,802,792.

Mr. Field discussed the highlights for Water Distribution and Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Wastewater Collection, 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 and the overall combined percentage for each.

Mr. Field noted that as of December 2024, LCWSC had received \$24,000 in contributed capital grants for Administration, \$1,360,377 for Wastewater Treatment, \$50,000 for Wastewater Collection, and \$579,965 for Water Distribution. Thus far, in FY25, a total of \$2,014,342 has been received in contributed capital grants. Future grant funds that are committed are for the following projects: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Master Plan RIA project, WWTP Sludge CDBG / SRF project, WWTP Sludge CDBG project, Metric Road Elevated Water Tank EDA project, SCIIP Hospital Area Water System Improvements project, and RIA Milam Road Booster Pump Supply Line Improvements project.

As of December 2024, there was \$72,161 in customer paid line extensions.

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 noted that the average gallons per day (GPD) per active residential tap for December 2024 was 118 GPD. On average, each customer uses 134 GPD over a 12-month period.

Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph, noting that in December FY25, the rainfall was 3.30 inches, which is 1.72 inches below that of December FY24, 1.29 inches below that of December FY23, and 1.64 inches below the norm for December. This data is a county average derived from rain gauges at Brighton Meadows, Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Clinton Pump Station, and Lake Rabon.

Mr. Field then recognized Mr. Mattison to review the work order summary. Mr. Mattison reported that forty-four new water taps, and nineteen new sewer taps were installed in December 2024. Mr. Mattison presented a map indicating the distribution of all new taps installed throughout the county.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchase and shared the water audit report. The report captures the Rolling Average Water Audit in gallons for the system including the revenue (sold), the non-revenue (unaccounted), and the non-revenue authorized consumption (audited) versus the purchased. The rolling 12-month average for non-revenue (unaccounted) water is 17,241,766 gallons, which is an increase of 1,587,695 gallons over the previous 12-month average. The target for unaccounted water is less than 19,500,000 gallons.

In December 2024, there were eight main line leak work orders; seven were repaired within two weeks, and one within two to four weeks. There were sixteen lateral line leak work orders: five were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks, and nine later than four weeks. As of December 2024, there were five active service line leaks over two weeks old and five active main line leaks open over two weeks old.

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility, reporting that in December 2024, the facility pumped 66.882 MG of raw water and treated 60.502 MGD. He also expressed his satisfaction with having a full and consistent team of A-licensed operators, along with two trainees, one of whom is working toward their C-level certification—and two pre-apprentices. Mr. Price reported that the filter modifications had been completed and were performing better than ever. Mr. Price also noted that the search for the Lead Operator position is ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED that the Board of Commissioners enter Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

1. Contractual Matter related to the Young Road Service Area Agreement

Upon returning to open session, the Commission may take action on the matters discussed in executive session.

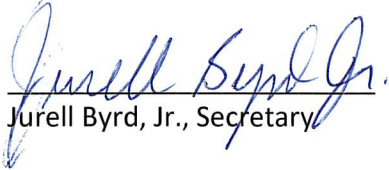
Commissioner Hollingsworth MOVED that the Board of Commissioners return to the Open Session at 10:07 a.m. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

ADJOURN

Commissioner J. Bryd, Jr. MOVED *to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting* at 10:12 a.m.
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. **MOTION CARRIED.** AYES,7; NAYS, 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on January 28, 2025, and that the minutes were approved at the February 25, 2025, meeting.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary