



## MINUTES

### **LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

#### **Board of Commissioners Meeting**

3850 Highway 221S, Laurens, SC 29360

February 24, 2026

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#### **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 PRESENT**

Allen Wham

#### **PRESS**

The Clinton Chronicle

#### **GUESTS**

Jerome Tapley and John White, Jr., Attorneys at Law, John B. White Law Firm

Stuart Reynolds and Tanner Martin, Border States

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:24 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 January 27, 2026, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None were submitted.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED that the January 27, 2026, minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

### **CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

Chairman Davenport thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Vic MacDonald back, stating that he had been missed. He also welcomed the guests in attendance.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS**

Mr. Field welcomed everyone and stated that he anticipated a short meeting. He also informed the Commission that a forthcoming press release from Senator Lindsey Graham's office would announce the state appropriation of \$4.42 million for the 2 MG Clearwell project at the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility.

### **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, 2026, LCWSC had a total operating and reserve cash of \$7,698,002, versus \$6,979,110 at this point in FY25 and \$7,266,397 on December 31, 2025. As of January 31, 2026, LCWSC was awaiting an SRF reimbursement of \$74,620 and a FEMA reimbursement of \$8,862. This means the total cash balance would be \$7,781,484. The FEMA reimbursement was received on February 19, 2026.

Mr. Field discussed the highlights for Water Distribution and Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Wastewater Collection, and Lake Rabon. He also reviewed the percentage breakdown for operating revenue, operating expenses, capital revenue, and capital expenses by department and the overall combined totals.

Mr. Field reported that as of January 2026, LCWSC had received a total of \$7,779,358 in contributed capital grants for FY26 broken down as follows: \$8656 for Administration, \$1,596,282 for Wastewater Treatment, and \$6,174,419 for Water Distribution. He further

noted that additional grant funds remain committed for several capital improvement projects, including the WWTP Sludge CDBG project, Metric Road Elevated Water Tank EDA project, SCIIP Hospital Area Water System Improvements project, RIA Milam Road Booster Pump Supply Line Improvements project, Emerging Contaminants Study SRF projects, WWTP – EQ Basin and Clarifiers SRF project, and Joanna CDBG project.

As of January 2026, customer-paid line extensions totaled \$80,641.

### **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 that the average gallons per day (GPD) per active residential tap for January 2026 was 121 GPD. He further reported that the twelve-month average residential usage was 134 GPD.

Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph, noting that rainfall for January FY26 totaled .93 inches, which is 0.84 inches below that of January FY25, 6.78 inches below that of January FY24, and 3.16 inches below the norm for January. This data is a county average derived from rain gauges at Brighton Meadows Lift Station, Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant, North Creek Lift Station, and Lake Rabon.

Mr. Field reported system growth and work order activity for January 2026. As of January 2026, 504 water services have been installed; 138 services in non-subdivision areas and 366 services in subdivisions. Of this total, sixty-two services were installed in January.

With respect to wastewater services, Mr. Field reported that 358 sewer services had been installed as of January 2026: five services in non-subdivision areas and 353 sewer services in subdivisions. Of this total, sixty-four new sewer services were installed in January.

Mr. Field further reported that during January 2026, five lateral line leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, three repaired within two to four weeks, and one repaired later than four weeks. During the same period, eight main line leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, and one repaired later than four weeks.

As of January 2026, there were five active service line leaks over two weeks old and five active main line leaks over two weeks old.

Mr. Mattison reported on water purchases and presented the rolling average water audit. The rolling 12-month average for non-revenue (unaccounted) water is 15,674,719 gallons, which is an increase of 539,881 gallons over the previous 12-month average. The target for unaccounted water is less than 19,500,000 gallons.

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility, reporting that during January 2026 the facility pumped 75.524 million gallons of raw water and treated 66.828 million gallons. Mr. Price reported on recent maintenance activities and provided staffing updates including continued outreach efforts to obtain an additional operator.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Hollingsworth MOVED to enter Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. to discuss contractual and legal matters. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr. MOVED to return to open session at 12:15 p.m. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0. No action was taken upon returning to open session.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Field reminded Commissioners of the requirement to file the annual Statement of Economic Interest with the South Carolina State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2026.

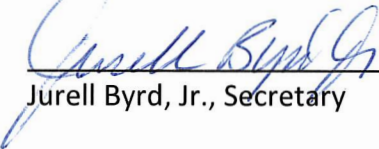
Mrs. Medlock offered to assist the Commissioners if necessary.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Young MOVED to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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 February 24, 2026, and that the minutes were approved at the March 24, 2026, meeting.

  
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Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary