



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 27, 2022

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dime Hollingsworth (I), Philip O'Dell (II), Jurell Byrd, Secretary (III), Bill Teague, Vice Chairman (IV), Susan Curry, Treasurer (V), Ted Davenport, Chairman (VII), and Jimmy Young (Municipal)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John McMurray (VI)

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

ATTORNEY: Allen Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS:

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of August 23, 2022, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

- 1. Resolution for purchase of 4.72 acres from Haven Turner
- 2. Agreement for City of Clinton to Sell Water to LCWSC

Old Business

- 1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Executive Session

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

- 1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:23 am in the Training Rooms of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

INVOCATION

Delivered by Commissioner Curry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 23, 2022, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport thanked everyone and to the press for their attendance He stated that he was happy to be at this month’s meeting being that he missed the last meeting and The Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting event unexpectedly. He thanked everyone at LCWSC that participated in preparing the flash drive containing the video of the ribbon cutting. Although, he could not attend the event having received the video was the next best thing. Chairman Davenport also shared that all of the feedback that he has received from the community has been incredibly positive. Chairman Davenport thanked Vice-Chairman Teague for representing the Board of Director’s and for his eloquent speech at the ribbon cutting.

He also requested that we keep Commissioner Byrd and his family in our prayers as they walk the path of grief from the passing of two sisters over the recent three-month period.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field thanked everyone in attendance. He stated that it was good to have Chairman Davenport back in action. Mr. Field thanked Vice-Chairman Teague for delivering his speech at the ribbon cutting that focused on the close connection of Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission with the community of Laurens County.

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 August 31, 2022, LCWSC had a total of \$8,854,367 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$9,583,717, at this time in FY22. As of August 31, 2022, LCWSC was awaiting an EDA reimbursement for \$195,896, which will be outstanding until the Milam Road project is complete. Including this reimbursement due, LCWSC would have had a total cash balance of \$9,050,263. The outstanding reimbursement was received on September 20, 2022.

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 \$240,648, in contributed capital grants thus far for FY23. Year to date paid line extensions for FY23 total \$19,988, from customers, developers or industrial projects that are not grant funded. The year-to-date line extensions include Emerald Circle, Forrester Road, Catalan Court/ Pennington Farms, and Twin Branch.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. He stated that Catalan Court was almost complete; the next line extension will begin on Emerald Circle. Upcoming extensions are Ritchie Road, Twin Branch Road, Forrester Road, and Hwy 39.

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 per active residential tap for the month of August 2022 was 162. On average, each customer uses 134 gallons per day over a 12-month period. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that August 2022 precipitation was 1.82 inches which was 1.14 inches below that of August 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-seven water taps, and zero sewer taps were installed in the month of August 2022. A total of seventy new services installed during FY23. Mr. Field presented a map indicating the distribution of all new taps installed throughout the county in FY23.

Mr. Mattison shared the water audit information. The water 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; the current month data is added as the one-year-old data is removed. For the month of August 2022, the unaccounted total is 17,032,918 gallons. The monthly goal for unaccounted water is *less than* 19,500,000 gallons.

Ending August 2022 there were ten main line leak work orders closed; six repairs were completed within two weeks and two repairs were completed within two to four weeks. There were seventeen lateral line leak work orders closed; twelve were repaired within two weeks, three were repaired within two to four weeks and two were repaired later than four weeks.

Ms. Nelson presented and update on meter. Meters continue to be delayed in production due to supply chain issues; the electronic chips that are installed within the antenna continue to be in short supply creating the low production of meters.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution to approve the purchase of certain real property on Good Hope Church Road, Waterloo, S.C. which adjoins the newly constructed Water Treatment Facility, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver all documents and instruments which may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such transaction.**

Mr. Field presented a resolution to the Board of Commissioners related to LCWSC purchase of real property located on Good Hope Church Road that adjoins to The Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. The purpose of the purchase is for additional buffering around the area of the water treatment facility.

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED to *approve the Resolution to approve the purchase of certain real property on Good Hope Church Road, Waterloo, S.C. which adjoins the newly constructed Water Treatment Facility, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver all documents and instruments which may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such transaction.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

- 2. Agreement for City of Clinton to Sell Water to LCWSC**

Mr. Field presented the updated Agreement for City of Clinton to Sell Water to LCWSC. The City of Clinton agrees to sell to LCWSC up to a maximum 250,000 gallons per day (GPD), based on a monthly average. Should there be a time that the amount exceeds the 250,000 GPD that amount shall be considered an emergency and governed by a separate emergency supply agreement between The City of Clinton and LCWSC. The term of agreement is valid for ten (10) years . Upon expiration of the initial term of ten (10) years, this agreement may renew for a second term of ten (10) years if both parties consent in writing.

Commissioner Young MOVED to *approve the Agreement for City of Clinton to Sell Water to LCWSC* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. 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.

In approximately one month Harper Construction will begin a modification to the piping of the filter system to create an even flow of air and water. The expected date of completion of the first filter is near the end of November 2022. Once, the first filter is back in production and functioning as planned the modification of the additional filters will occur individually.

Not only due to supply and demand but additionally the potential rail service strike has affected the water industry tremendously. LCWSC has purchased chemicals in advance to have on-site as needed to avoid any potential future cause of delays in production or shipments. Currently, Chlorine prices are very volatile.

Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility is operating efficiently in the use of chemicals, in fact fewer chemicals are being needed than initially anticipated. The LCWSC Leadership team and the team of operators are cautiously optimistic that this trend will continue.

The ozone is running well and positively affects the filters and the need for alum. A better understanding occurs after one full year of being in operation.

Harper Construction continues to complete a small list of punch items to include moving a sample line.

The laboratory has received 100% approval from DHEC. A third party continues to collect and process the distribution samples. Operators will soon begin to train in the collection and processing of the distribution samples. As the training progresses the third party will continue to collect samples; however, the operators will process the samples in the lab at the water treatment facility.

Executive Session

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

1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens Commission of Public Works

Commissioner Hollingsworth MOVED that the Board of Commissioners *enter into Executive Session at 10:10 am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0


Commissioner Curry MOVED that the Board of Commissioners *return to Regular Session at 11:12am.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS,

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 11:13 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on September 27, 2022, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on October 25, 2022.



Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary