



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 26, 2022**

Minutes

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dime Hollingsworth

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

ATTORNEY: Allen Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS: Theo Dubose

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of June 28, 2022, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Amendment to ReWa and LCWSC Service Agreement
2. Resolution Approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt not to exceed \$9,000,000
3. Petition to County Council of Laurens County for Public Hearing associated with GO Bond Issue

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 8:18 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 June 28, 2022, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the Commissioners, Theo Dubose, and the press to the meeting. He thanked Vic MacDonald, Editor of the Clinton Chronicle, for his coverage of LCWSC and extended a personal invitation to him to attend the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting on August 18, 2022, at 10 am.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also thanked everyone in attendance. He noted that we needed to cover the old business before the new business today so that Mr. Price could leave to go to the 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 June 30, 2022, LCWSC had a total of \$9,499,940 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$9,510,859 at this time in FY21. As of June 30, 2022, LCWSC was awaiting an EDA reimbursement of \$69,150. This reimbursement will remain outstanding until the Milam Road project is complete. Including this reimbursement due, LCWSC would have a total cash balance of \$9,569,090.

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 \$5,659,759 in contributed capital grants during FY22. Year to date paid line extensions for FY22 total \$152,530 from customers or developers. The year-to-date line extensions include Rest Road, Phillips Lane, Clyde Road, Herman Road, Jerome Bailey Road, Twin Branch Road, Hunter Industrial Park Road, Robin Drive, Jackson Road, and Michaela Street.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. He stated that line projects are steady at this time. His team was currently working on Robin Drive and then moving onto Jackson Road and Michaela Street.

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 June 2022 was 156. On average, each customer uses 134 gallons per day. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that June 2022 precipitation was 1.51 inches, which is 4.18 inches below that of June 2021 and 3.28 inches below the norm for the month of June. 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 fifty new water taps, and nine new sewer taps were installed in the month of June 2022. A total of 547 water taps and 81 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 an equal distribution of services throughout the county.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and the water audit. He noted that 54% of the water purchased was from our Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. 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 June 2022, the unaccounted total is 14,288,145 gallons. The monthly goal for unaccounted water is *less than* 19,500,000 gallons.

Mr. Mattison also shared the information regarding line leak work orders for the month of June 2022. There were fourteen main line leak work orders closed; thirteen repairs were completed within two weeks and one repair was completed later than four weeks. There were twenty-five lateral line leak work orders closed; twenty were repaired within two weeks and five were repaired within two to four weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility.

The disinfectant change from free chlorine to chloramine is occurring today, July 26, 2022. The PLC part of the SCADA system must be updated to make the change.

The tracer study has been completed and was successful with an expected baffling coefficient. Tracer studies are used to measure the time that a given volume of water is retained in a tank with a sufficient level of chlorine to ensure LCWSC receives appropriate credit for disinfectant contact time (CT Credit).

The completed CT Study will be sent to DHEC so the final Permit to Operate can be issued.

ClearWater Solutions, LLC., our Water Treatment Facility contract operators, recently hired a new operator.

Mr. Price noted that the average water produced and put into the distribution system was 2.0 MGD with the highest day being 3.0 MGD.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment to ReWa and LCWSC Service Agreement

Mr. Field presented the Amendment to the ReWa and LCWSC Service Agreement. He noted that it references the agreement dated June 2, 2017, with the change adding the following parcels where ReWa will provide wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services:

- Tax Map Number 189-00-00-029 (54 acres) – Cardinal Ridge Subdivision
- Tax Map Number 189-00-00-034 (55 acres) – Wren Woods Subdivision
- Tax Map Number 221-00-00-004 (60 acres)
- The current corporate limits of the Town of Gray Court

Commissioner Young MOVED *to approve the Amendment to ReWa and LCWSC Service Agreement as presented*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

2. Resolution Approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt not to exceed \$9,000,000

Mr. Field started the discussion about the GO Bond debt not to exceed \$9,000,000 with the projects LCWSC plans to fund with the bond.

The first project is the Connexial Gravity Sewer Improvements, which includes 15,500 LF of 18-inch gravity sewer and associated manholes and it will connect to ReWa's C-4 Basin sewer project to be constructed concurrently with LCWSC's project. This project is needed to increase the sewer capacity in Connexial Industrial Park and would also provide additional sewer capacity to the northern part of the county to support existing and future development in that area. Mr. Field expects to utilize about \$6,000,000 of the GO Bond for the Connexial Gravity Sewer Improvements.

The second project is the Highway 14 and Metric Road area Water Improvements, which includes 29,650 LF of 16-inch DIP on Hwy 14 and a new 1.0 MG elevated tank at Metric Road. This project would provide more water from LCWSC's Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility to the northern and eastern part of the county. This project would also improve the capacity and resiliency to these areas and to the exit 10 I-385 interchange

and the industrial area along Metric Road near Hwy 221. Mr. Field expects to utilize about \$3,000,000 of the GO Bond for the Highway 14 and Metric Road area Water Improvements.

Mr. Dubose presented the Resolution Approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt not to exceed \$9,000,000 to the Commissioners. He stated that special purpose districts like LCWSC must petition the County Council of Laurens County to levy the tax for the GO Bond. This is due to LCWSC's Board being appointed and not voted on like the County Council, no taxation without representation. Mr. Dubose noted that Laurens County would levy 3 mills on behalf of LCWSC to pay the debt service for the GO Bond. The tax would be imposed on the whole county and that it is a renewal and not a tax increase. He also noted that the value of 1 mill has increased about 50% in 20 years.

Mr. Field and Mr. Dubose noted that the first reading would be tonight, July 26, 2022; followed by the second reading and Public Hearing on August 23, 2022, and the third reading September 13, 2022.

Commissioner Byrd **MOVED to approve the Resolution approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt as presented.** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

3. Petition to County Council of Laurens County for Public Hearing associated with GO Bond Issue

Mr. Dubose noted that the Resolution Approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt not to exceed \$9,000,000 allows LCWSC to execute the Petition to County Council of Laurens County for Public Hearing associated with GO Bond Issue and present it to the county council. The petition was signed by Chairman Davenport and Secretary Byrd as approved by the resolution.

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 Curry **MOVED** that the Board of Commissioners ***enter into Executive Session at 9:50 am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

Commissioner McMurray **MOVED** that the Board of Commissioners ***return to Regular Session at 10:18am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS,

BUSINESS AFTER RETURNING TO REGULAR SESSION

1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens Commission of Public Works

Fourth Amendment to Raw Water Supply Contract

Mr. Field presented the Fourth Amendment to Raw Water Supply Contract with Laurens Commission of Public Works explaining that the contract will amend Raw Water Supply Contract term date to August 31, 2022.

The initial contract had a term of forty years, being executed on December 14, 1981, expiring on December 14, 2021. A second amendment was executed on November 23, 2021, extending the contract term to June 30, 2022. A third amendment was executed on June 28, 2022, extending the contract term to July 29, 2022. The latest amendment extends the contract end date to August 31, 2022.

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED *to approve the Fourth Amendment to Raw Water Supply Contract with Laurens Commission of Public Works as presented.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

OTHER BUSINESS

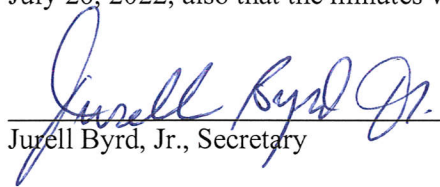
Mr. Field gave a brief update on the August 18, 2022, Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting.

ADJOURN

Commissioner O'Dell **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 10:24 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on July 26, 2022, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on August 23, 2022.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary