



**Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**August 23, 2022**

**Minutes**

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**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 Jimmy Young (Municipal)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Ted Davenport, Chairman (VII)

**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:**

**GUESTS:**

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Approval of July 26, 2022, Minutes**

**Chairman Remarks**

**Executive Director Remarks**

**LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary**

**LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary**

## **New Business**

## **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**

Vice Chairman Teague called the meeting to order at 8:30 am in the Training Rooms of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation given by Commissioner McMurray.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Teague asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 26, 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**

Vice Chairman Teague welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the meeting. He also thanked everyone for their hard work in planning and preparing for the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; he stated that the event was very successful. He shared his delight of seeing people from Greenwood County and all areas of Laurens County at the event.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS**

Mr. Field expressed his appreciation as well to the staff for all the work and attention to detail that was given to the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He stated that he has received only positive feedback from those in attendance.

Mr. Field noted that the second reading and Public Hearing for the GO Bond was tonight with the third reading being on September 13, 2022.

Mr. Field shared that Ms. Medlock was having surgery and requested that everyone keep her in their thoughts and prayers.

## **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 July 31, 2022, LCWSC had a total of \$9,118,152 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$9,415,553 this time in FY22. As of July 31, 2022, LCWSC was awaiting an EDA reimbursement for \$69,150 which will be outstanding until the Milam Road project is complete. Including this reimbursement due, LCWSC would have a total cash balance of \$9,187,302.

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 not received any contributed capital grants thus far for FY23. Year to date paid line extensions for FY23 total \$8,288 from customers or developers. The year-to-date line extensions include Emerald Circle and Forrester Road.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. He stated that line projects are steady at this time. He also stated that the pipe supply for taps and leak repair is difficult to purchase due to the lack of supply. The expectation is that LCWSC would receive a shipment of piping next week.

## **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 July 2022 was 168. On average, each customer uses 134 gallons per day. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that July FY23 precipitation was 4.08 inches, which is 0.20 inches below that of July FY22 and 0.66 inches above that of July FY21. 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 forty-three new water taps, and zero new sewer taps were installed in the month of July FY23. A total of forty-three water taps and zero sewer taps have been installed in FY23. Mr. Field presented a map indicating the distribution of all new taps installed throughout the county in FY23. He added, there is an equal distribution of services throughout the county.

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 July FY23, the unaccounted total is 14,811,048 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 July FY23. There were twelve main line leak work orders closed; ten repairs were completed within two weeks and two repairs were completed within two to four weeks. There were thirteen lateral line leak work orders closed; eleven were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks and one was repaired within two to four weeks.



Ms. Nelson gave an update of the meter status.

Meters are 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.

LCWSC recently received 650 polymer meters, polymer meters have a brass fitting. Due to the low inventory of meters the current inventory is primarily being used for current and future taps. LCWSC is processing very few change outs unless it is absolutely necessary.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update**

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

The lab has passed all inspections and is 100% approved by DHEC.

As each season passes the team of operators are learning how the temperatures affect the need for chemical adjustments. A better understanding occurs after one full year of being in operation. The ozone is running well and positively affects the filters and the need for alum. There continues to be minor adjustments to equalize the feed of all filters.

Both water storage tanks onsite are in use; the water stored is kept at a minimum of seven feet at all times, the water levels can be ramped up as needed. It is important to have two storage tanks in case there was a pipeline blowout it would be difficult to ramp up if needed with only one water storage tank in use. Each storage tank can run independently if needed.

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

Emergency generators are operating for one hour every Monday morning; the generators are working very well and produces a small amount of noise. The generators have worked properly when needed due to power outages, currently there have been two incidence of power outages.

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.

### ***Executive Session***

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### **1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens Commission of Public Works**

Commissioner O'Dell **MOVED** that the **Board of Commissioners enter into Executive Session at 10:13 am.** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Curry **MOVED** that the **Board of Commissioners return to Regular Session at 10:19am.** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS,

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

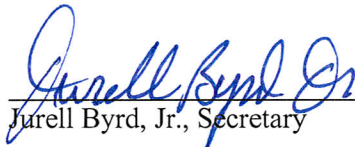
Mr. Field presented photos from the August 18, 2022, Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Hollingsworth **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 10:21 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on August 23, 2022, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on September 27, 2022.

  
Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary