



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 25, 2023

Minutes

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Jeff Field, Executive Director
Paula Bullard, Executive Assistant
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:

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of March 28, 2023, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Project Updates
2. Renew Statement Regarding Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Old Business

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 8:16 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 March 28, 2023, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

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

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport thanked Mr. Lumus Byrd, Jr. for accepting the call to serve as a commissioner Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission (LCWSC). He stated that he had known Mr. Byrd and his family for more than fifty years. He thanked Mr. MacDonald of the Clinton Chronicle for his attendance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also thanked Mr. Lumus Byrd, Jr. for serving as a commissioner for LCWSC as well as for joining him the previous week for an extended meeting to become familiar with LCWSC.

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 March 31, 2023, LCWSC had a total of \$8,741,792 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$8,430,913 at this time in FY22. As of March 31, 2023, LCWSC is awaiting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) reimbursement of \$222,400; including the reimbursement due, LCWSC would have a total cash balance of \$8,964,192.

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 \$3,427,879 in contributed capital grants for Water Distribution, \$108,190 for Wastewater Collection and \$417,515 for Clinton/Joanna. To date a total of \$3,953,584 in contributed capital grants have been received thus far for FY23.

Year to date paid line extensions for FY23 total \$47,038, from customers or developers that are not grant funded. The year-to-date line extensions include Emerald Circle, Forrester Road, Catalan Court/ Pennington Farms, Twin Branch, Ritchie Road, Wasson Gin Road, and Pemberton Street, Cooley Road, and Dean Woods Road.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. South Frontage Road and Ritchie Road are in progress. Upcoming extensions are Thompson Road, Bethel Church Road, Pemberton Street, Cooley Road, and Dean Woods Road.

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 March 2023 was 112 gallons. On average, each customer uses 134 gallons per day over a 12-month period. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that March FY23 precipitation was 2.55 inches which is 3.07 inches below that of March FY22. 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-four new water taps, and twenty-seven new sewer taps were installed in the month of March 2023. A total of 387 water taps and 123 sewer taps have currently been 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 report. The water audit compares the water purchased to the water sold, water audited, and water unaccounted for. 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 March 2023, the unaccounted total is 13,334,452 gallons. The monthly goal for unaccounted water is *less than* 19,500,000 gallons.

In March 2023, there were two main line leak work orders closed within two weeks. There were sixteen lateral line leak work orders in March 2023, fourteen were repaired within two weeks, one repaired within two to four weeks and one repaired later than four weeks.

Mr. Field presented a summary of the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility. In March 2023, the facility pumped a total of 62.088 million gallons of raw water while treating 52.528 million gallons of water. The filter modifications are ongoing; the filter/ backwash rate is now more uniform. LCWSC is more directly involved with maintenance to become more familiar with the equipment and to assist in troubleshooting when the need arises.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Project Updates

Mr. Field, Executive Director and Mr. Mattison, Regulatory Compliance and Operations Manager shared a power point presentation detailing an update that is either in design or construction at this time.

Water Projects Under Construction:

- Hickory Tavern Elevated Tank:
 250,000-gallon elevated water tank and appurtenances
 Completion May/June 2023

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| Project Cost: | \$2,366,160 |
| Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST): | \$1,800,000 |
| LCWSC Funds: | \$512,000 |

- Metric Rd. Elevated Tank and Waterline:
 The project consists of two main components.
 1 Million Gallon Elevated Water Tank
 5.3 Miles (29,500 ft) of 16-inch waterline

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| Projected Completion: | December 2025 |
| Estimated cost: | \$14,384,800 |
| GO Bond | \$5,100,000 |
| Revenue Bond | \$3,103,000 |
| EDA Grant | \$5,422,800 |
| LCARPA | \$759,000 |

- Hospital Zone Water Improvements:
 Project consists of the following: 1.0 MG Elevated Water Tank
 Two new Booster Pump Stations
 2000 Gallon Per Minute (GPM) Cross Hill BPS
 1200 Milam Rd BPS
 5000 ft of 16” waterline on Milam Road (alt.2)
 5800 ft of 12” waterline on Hwy 76
 1100 ft of 6” waterline on Medical Ridge Road
 (allowing three ways to feed the hospital area)

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| Projected Completion: | December 2026 |
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| Estimated Cost: | |
| Total Alternate 1 and 2 | \$11,066,300 |
| Total Alternate 1 | \$ 9,321,000 |
| SCIIP Funding (Awarded: April 24, 2023) | \$ 7,922,850 |
| LCWSC Funds (15%) | \$ 1,398,150 |

Sewer Projects Under Construction:

- ISO Parkway Sewer System Upgrade
Upsize the existing 125 GPM lift station to 350 GPM (Expandable to 500 GPM) lift station.
12,000 ft 8” force main.
Projected Completion: March 2024
Project Cost: \$4,061,250
85% funded through multiple agencies/industry.
LCWSC Funds: \$500,000

- Clinton/Joanna Line Rehab/Replacement (Hwy 76 and Hwy 56 C)
New 24” DIP sewer line under Hwy 76 and new 12” DIP sewer under Hwy 56; both projects in Clinton.
Projected Completion: May 2023
Project Cost: \$1,066,195
CDBG Funds: \$899,796
LCWSC Funds: \$166,400

- Clinton/Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Upgrade
Sludge handling/land application improvements. Will allow for facility expansion.
In Design
Projected Completion: December 2024
Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000
SRF Grant: \$1,000,000
CDBG: \$1,500,000
LCWSC Funds: \$500,000

- Clinton Area Sewer Improvements
Millers Fork – 1,400 GPM @ 145-FT TDH (pump upgrade)
Sand Creek - 800 GPM @ 274-ft TDH (pump replacement and wet well rehabilitation)
11,000 LF of force main replacement w/ 16-inch (Millers fork)
Replacement of Comminutor with Automated screening.
Project Completion: February 2026
Estimated Cost: \$3,894,500

- Proposed 0-5 Year Water Projects (Not Listed in order of Priority)
 - Install 15,000 LF of 24” DIP pipe from Maddens Elevated Water Tank (Stagecoach Road) to Hwy 39
 - 1 MG Elevated Water Tank
 - 0.75 MG Clearwell and associated piping at Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility
Budget: \$17.9M

 - Install 11,200 ft of 12” DIP along Hwy 418 as Phase II of Bethany DMA improvements.
Budget: \$1.5M

- Proposed 0-5 Year Sewer Projects (Not Listed in order of Priority)
 - Phase I: A new 120 GPM lift station and 4” force main to serve main street in Gray Court.
Phase II: Provide sewer on Hwy 101
Budget: \$1.7M (Grant, Gray Court Reserve Funds)
 - Connexial 15,400 ft of 24” gravity sewer to provide sewer capacity for Connexial Industrial Park; combined with ReWa’s 36” gravity sewer will serve 9,000 homes. Project was on the fast track until County Council revised subdivision ordinance, currently the project is 5-7 years out.
Budget: \$9.0 M
- Projects in the Study/Planning phase
 - Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Plant Expansion
 - Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Plant Expansion
 - New Wastewater Treatment Plant South of Gray Court

2. Renew Statement Regarding Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Ms. Medlock distributed and discussed the conflict-of interest policy with the commissioners. She offered her assistance in completing the document if needed.

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 O’Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

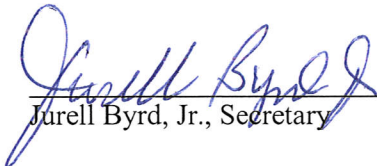
Commissioner J. Byrd MOVED that the Board of Commissioners *return to Regular Session at 10:59 am* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hollingsworth . MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS,

ADJOURN

Commissioner Curry MOVED *to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting.* MOTIONSECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 11:05 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on April 25, 2023, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on May 23, 2023.



 Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary