



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 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
KC Price, Engineering Manager

ATTORNEY: Allen Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS: Dan Johnson, iManagement Consulting, LLC
Graham Rich, ReWa, Retired CEO

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of June 27, 2023, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. iManagement Consulting- LCWSC Enterprise Strategic Planning
2. Resolution regarding property exchange related to the SCIIP Project- Hospital Area Water System Improvements.

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 8:20 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 June 27, 2023, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

Commissioner Young MOVED *that the minutes dated June 27, 2023, are approved as submitted.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hollingsworth; MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport thanked everyone for their attendance to the meeting especially our guest Mr. Johnson, CEO, iManagement Consulting, and Mr. Graham Rich, Retired CEO, ReWa, and Mr. Vic MacDonald, Editor of the Clinton Chronicle.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field thanked all in attendance at the meeting.

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, 2023, LCWSC had a total of \$8,864,419 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$9,499,940, at this time in FY22.

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 \$3,156,170 in contributed capital grants for Water Distribution, \$112,690 for Wastewater Collection, and \$734,391 for Clinton/Joanna. To date a total of \$4,003,251 in contributed capital grants have been received thus far for FY23.

Year to date paid line extensions for FY23 total \$189,948 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, Pemberton Street, Cooley Road, Dean Woods Road, Bethel Church Road, Fountainbrook Lane, Pitts Road, S. Harper Street Extension, Hwy 39, Thompson Road, and Smith Village Road.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. In progress is the Dean Woods Road project. Upcoming projects are Thompson Road, Dean Woods Road, Cooley Road, and Bethel Church Road. Upcoming projects are not listed in any order.

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 (GPD) per active residential tap for the month of June 2023 was 137 GPD. On average, each customer uses 134 GPD over a 12-month period. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that June FY23 precipitation was 7.22 inches which is 5.71 inches above that of June 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 55 new water taps, and 42 new sewer taps were installed in the month of June 2023. A total of 536 water taps, and 186 sewer taps have 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 June 2023, the unaccounted total is 11,980,080 gallons. The monthly goal for unaccounted water is *less than* 19,500,000 gallons.

In June 2023, there were five (5) main line leak work orders, four (4) closed within two weeks and one (1) closed within two to four weeks. There were eight (8) lateral line leak work orders in June 2023, five (5) were closed within two weeks, two (2) closed within two to four weeks, and one (1) closed later than four weeks.

Mr. Price gave an update for Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility stating that the facility is operating well. A filter modification is in process, the purpose of the modification is to gain filter operation uniformity. In June the facility pumped a total of 67.314 million gallons of raw water and treated a total of 59.421 million gallons of water.

NEW BUSINESS

1. iManagement Consulting- LCWSC Enterprise Strategic Planning

Mr. Field introduced Mr. Johnson, CEO, iManagement Consulting, LLC. Mr. Johnson shared a power point presentation and explained in detail the purpose and value of an enterprise strategic plan. An enterprise strategic plan identifies a roadmap of initiatives that are required in the medium term to achieve long-term strategic objectives.

Mr. Graham, ReWa, shared his experience of working with Mr. Johnson and the benefits that ReWa received by implementing the enterprise strategic plan during his tenure as CEO at ReWa.

The Personnel and Policy Committee of LCWSC will further discuss this topic and present the Board with a recommendation. The Personnel and Policy Committee consists of Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr., Commissioner Young, and Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr.

2. Resolution to approve the exchange of parcels of real property with Laurens County and to authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver deeds and other documents which may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such exchange.

Mr. Field presented a diagram showing Tax Map Number 534-00-00-078, totaling approximately 0.89-acre parcel owned by LCWSC. The parcel exchange from Laurens County is a portion of Tax Map Number 534-00-00-006 equaling approximately the same size. The purpose of the exchange is to locate a new elevated water tank that will be constructed as part of the SCIIP Grant received for the Laurens County Hospital Area Water System Improvements.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED the Board of Commissioners *Resolution to approve the exchange of parcels of real property with Laurens County and to authorize the Executive Director to execute and deliver deeds and other documents which may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such exchange*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

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 Executive Session at 10:06 am*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

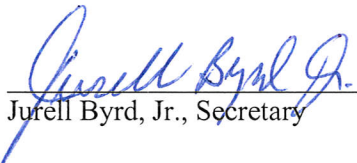
Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED that the Board of Commissioners *return to Regular Session at 10:46 am*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

ADJOURN

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED *to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:52 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on July 25, 2023, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on August 22, 2023.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary