



MINUTES

LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners Meeting

3850 Highway 221S, Laurens, SC 29360

Training Rooms 1 and 2

May 26, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dime Hollingsworth (County Council District I)

Philip O'Dell (County Council District II)

Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary (County Council District III)

Bill Teague, Vice Chairman (County Council District IV)

Susan Curry, Treasurer (County Council District V)

Lumus Byrd, Jr. (County Council District VI)

Ted Davenport, Chairman (County Council District VII)

Jimmy Young (Municipal)

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Field, Executive Director

Steve Griffin, Construction Manager

Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance & Operations Manager

Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

Angie Nelson, Director of Administration & Customer Service

Mary-Wallace Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT

K.C. Price, Engineering Manager

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Allen Wham

PRESS

The Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS

Ray Sneed, Collection System Crew Leader

Gene Steele, Collections System Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. in the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission's training rooms. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

Delivered by Commissioner Curry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 28, 2026, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None were submitted.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED that the April 28, 2026, minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Vic MacDonald.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field welcomed everyone including guests from the Wastewater Collection System, Ray Sneed, and Gene Steele.

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 April 30, 2026, LCWSC had a total operating and reserve cash of \$8,549,245, verses \$7,445,492 at this point in FY25 and \$8,964,139 on March 31, 2026. As of April 30, 2026, LCWSC was awaiting a Carolina Power reimbursement for Andrews Road of \$178,712, a FEMA reimbursement of \$277,070, and a SRF reimbursement of \$11,480. This means the total cash balance would be \$9,016,508. The Carolina Power reimbursement was received on May 8, 2026, and the FEMA reimbursement was received on May 15, 2026.

Mr. Field discussed the highlights for Water Distribution and Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Wastewater Collection, and Lake Rabon. He also reviewed the percentage breakdown for operating revenue, operating expenses, capital revenue, and capital expenses by department and the overall combined totals.

Mr. Field reported that as of April 2026, LCWSC had received a total of \$8,852,325 in contributed capital grants for FY26, broken down as follows: \$8,656 for Administration, \$1,653,747 for Wastewater Treatment, \$197,120 for Wastewater Collections, and \$6,992,801 for Water Distribution. He further noted that additional grant funds remain committed for several capital improvement projects, including the WWTP Sludge CDBG project, Metric Road Elevated Water Tank EDA project, SCIIP Hospital Area Water System Improvements project, RIA Milam Road

Booster Pump Supply Line Improvements project, Emerging Contaminants Study SRF projects, WWTP – EQ Basin and Clarifiers SRF project, Joanna CDBG project, and Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Clearwell Congressional Appropriation.

As of April 2026, customer-paid line extensions totaled \$125,461.

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 reported that the average gallons per day (GPD) per active residential tap for April 2026 was 129 GPD. He further reported that the twelve-month average residential usage was 145 GPD.

Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph, noting that rainfall was 2.11 inches in April FY26, which is 0.76 inches below that of April FY25, 0.19 inches above that of April FY24, and 0.12 inches below the norm for April. This data is a county average derived from rain gauges at Brighton Meadows Lift Station, Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant, North Creek Lift Station, and Lake Rabon.

Mr. Field reported system growth and work order activity for April 2026. As of April 2026, 755 water services have been installed; 220 services in non-subdivision areas and 535 services in subdivisions. Of this total, eighty-nine services were installed in April.

With respect to wastewater services, Mr. Field reported that 507 sewer services had been installed as of April 2026: six services in non-subdivision areas and 501 sewer services in subdivisions. Of this total, seventy new sewer services were installed in April.

Mr. Field further reported that during April 2026, three lateral leak work orders were repaired within two to four weeks and two repaired later than four weeks. During the same period, one main line leak work order was repaired within two weeks, two repaired withing two to four weeks, and one repaired later than four weeks.

As of April 2026, there were four active service line leaks over two weeks old and six active main line leaks over two weeks old.

Mr. Mattison reported on water purchases and presented the rolling average water audit. The Rolling Average Water Audit in gallons for the system including the revenue (sold), the non-revenue (unaccounted), and the non-revenue authorized consumption (audited) versus the purchased. The rolling 12-month average for non-revenue (unaccounted) water is 15,253,683 gallons, which is a decrease of 129,693 gallons over the previous 12-month average. The target for unaccounted water is less than 19,500,000 gallons.

In Mr. Price's absence, Mr. Field provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility, reporting that during April 2026 the facility pumped 76.459 million gallons of raw water and treated 69.337 million gallons. Mr. Field reported that the Water Treatment Facility is operating well and is fully staffed, with plans to add additional staff members. He stated that, after several months of reported issues with the ozone system, a maintenance contract is now in place with Pinnacle, the original manufacturer of the system. Pinnacle has identified and repaired the issues that were occurring.

Mr. Field also reported that the clarifiers and lagoon have been cleaned. He noted that next fiscal year's budget will include a significant investment to ensure continued focus on and support for the Water Treatment Facility.

Finally, Mr. Field credited many of the recent improvements and solutions to Max Hughes, Water Production Manager, stating that Mr. Hughes has brought innovative ideas and solutions to the facility.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CMOM (Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance) Update 2025

Mr. Mattison presented the 2025 CMOM Report for LCWSC's Wastewater Collection Systems. He explained that CMOM stands for **Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance**, and is used to guide the ongoing inspection, operation, and maintenance of the wastewater collection system.

Mr. Mattison reviewed the 2025 work summary, noting that staff met or exceeded several annual goals, including SSO response, cleanup, and reporting; easement maintenance; air release valve inspections; pump station inspections; generator testing; SCADA checks; food service establishment inspections; and interceptor compliance. He also reported that LCWSC completed 171 gravity sewer cleaning/SL-RAT inspection segments, exceeding the annual goal, and completed 191 CCTV inspections, also exceeding the annual goal.

Mr. Mattison discussed the use of the SL-RAT, or Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool, which uses sound to identify potential blockages between manholes. His presentation included photos and videos of the SL-RAT, as well as sewer line cleaning and inspection activities. He explained that this tool allows staff to evaluate sewer lines more efficiently and helps determine where additional CCTV inspection, cleaning, or follow-up maintenance may be needed.

Mr. Mattison also reviewed ongoing sewer cleaning, sewer line inspections, manhole inspections, and air release valve inspections. He noted that manhole inspections help identify inflow, infiltration, and corrosion issues, while air release valve inspections support proper hydraulic operation, pipeline efficiency, and system protection.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

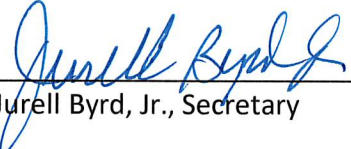
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Field thanked Mr. Sneed and Steele for their assistance with the CMOM presentation. He also noted that Mr. Steele and his staff would be featured in a video segment produced by SC AWWA/WEASC's newly developed Workforce Collaborative campaign featuring a day in the life of a wastewater collection system team.

ADJOURN

Commissioner L. Byrd, Mr. MOVED to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on May 26, 2026, and that the minutes were approved at the June 23, 2026, meeting.



Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary