



MINUTES

LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners Meeting

3850 Highway 221S, Laurens, SC 29360

Training Rooms 1 and 2

July 28, 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

K.C. Price, Engineering Manager

Mary-Wallace Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Allen Wham

PRESS

None

GUEST(S)

Gray Smallwood, Gray Court, SC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:23 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 June 23, 2026, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None were submitted.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. MOVED that the June 23, 2026, minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed everyone including Gary Smallwood of Gray Court. He wished Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr., a happy birthday and reflected on the life and legacy of Senator Lindsey Graham whom he recognized as a friend and advocate of LCWSC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed those in attendance and echoed Chairman Davenport's remarks regarding the life and legacy of Senator Graham. He recognized Senator Graham and members of his staff, including Angie Omar and Van Catoe, as valued friends and advocates of LCWSC. Mr. Field cited the recent appropriation for the clearwell at the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility as an example of Senator Graham's advocacy and stated that LCWSC had lost a dear friend and strong leader.

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, 2026, LCWSC had total operating and reserve cash of \$8,872,334, compared with \$6,925,957 at the same point in FY25 and \$9,517,262 on May 31, 2026. LCWSC was awaiting reimbursements of \$542,280 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, \$14,350 from the State Revolving Fund, and \$41,741 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Including these pending reimbursements, the total cash balance would be \$9,470,705.

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 June 2026, LCWSC had received \$11,145,515 in contributed capital grants for FY26, broken down as follows: \$50,397 for Administration, \$1,721,465 for Wastewater Treatment, \$209,120 for Wastewater Collection, and \$9,164,533 for Water Distribution. He further noted that additional grant funds remain committed for the SCIIP Hospital Area Water System Improvements project; Emerging Contaminants Study SRF projects; WWTP EQ Basin and Clarifiers SRF project; Joanna CDBG project; Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Clearwell Congressional Appropriation; Bush River Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation SRF project; Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Emerging Contaminants Pilot Testing SRF project; and Beards Fork Force Main Replacement CDBG project.

As of June 2026, customer-paid residential line extensions totaled \$138,981, and industrial and developer-paid line extensions totaled \$237,779.

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 June 2026 was 151 GPD. He further reported that the twelve-month average residential usage was 145 GPD.

Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph, noting that rainfall was 3.18 inches in June FY26, which was 0.44 inches below June FY25, 0.43 inches above June FY24, and 1.61 inches below the historical norm for June. 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 June 2026. As of June 30, 2026, 950 water services had been installed during FY26: 284 services in non-subdivision areas and 666 services in subdivisions. Of this total, 79 services were installed in June.

With respect to wastewater services, Mr. Field reported that 618 sewer services had been installed as of June 30, 2026: seven services in non-subdivision areas and 611 services in subdivisions. Of this total, 67 new sewer services were installed in June.

Mr. Mattison reported that during June 2026, seven lateral leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, five were repaired within two to four weeks, and one was repaired later than four weeks. During the same period, five main line leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, five were repaired within two to four weeks, and two were repaired later than four weeks.

As of June 2026, there was one active service line leak over two weeks old and one active main line leak over two weeks old.

Mr. Mattison further reported on water purchases and presented the rolling average water audit, including revenue from water sold, non-revenue unaccounted water, non-revenue authorized consumption, and total water purchased. The rolling twelve-month average for non-revenue unaccounted water was 15,109,293 gallons, an increase of 264,725 gallons over the previous twelve-month average. The target for unaccounted water is less than 19,500,000 gallons.

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility, reporting that during June 2026 the facility pumped 78.886 million gallons of raw water and treated 75.176 million gallons. He also reported the newly established shift changes are being well received and that Viola has been assisting with fact finding and parts procurement for the filters.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

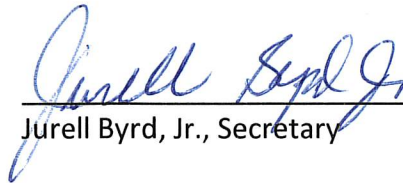
OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Curry. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on July 28, 2026, and that the minutes were approved at the August 25, 2026, meeting.



Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary