



MINUTES

LAURENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners Meeting

3850 Highway 221S, Laurens, SC 29360

Training Rooms 1 and 2

March 24, 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

Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

Angie Nelson, Director of Administration & Customer Service

K.C. Price, Engineering Manager

Mary-Wallace Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT

Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance & Operations Manager

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Allen Wham

PRESS

The Clinton Chronicle

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 9:32 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.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Young **MOVED** to Amend the March 24, 2026, Agenda to remove the Resolution Affirming Legacy Sewer Taps. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner J. Byrd, Jr. **MOTION CARRIED**. AYES,7; NAYS, 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 24, 2026, minutes as submitted to the Commissioners. None were submitted.

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr. **MOVED** that the February 24, 2026, minutes be approved as submitted. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Hollingsworth. **MOTION CARRIED**. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Vic MacDonald congratulating he and The Clinton Chronicle for the recent awards they received from the South Carolina Press Association (SCPA). He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. MacDonald for his coverage of LCWSC and the community. Chairman Davenport concluded his remarks with expressing how impressed he is with the LCWSC team.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field welcomed everyone acknowledging the talent of the LCWSC that was highlighted at the Employee Recognition Breakfast that preceded the meeting. He also expressed his appreciation for the employees who have taken the initiative to pursue and successfully pass licensure examinations.

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 February 28, 2026, LCWSC had a total operating and reserve cash of \$7,996,596, verses \$7,259,939 at this point in FY25 and \$7,698,002 on January 31, 2026. As of February 28, 2026, LCWSC was awaiting an SRF reimbursement of \$97,580 and a FEMA reimbursement of \$277,070. This means the total cash balance would be \$8,371,246. The SRF reimbursement was received on March 13, 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 February 2026, LCWSC had received a total of \$8,189,145 in contributed capital grants for FY26, broken down as follows: \$8,656 for Administration, \$1,653,747 for Wastewater Treatment, \$160,120 for Wastewater Collections, and \$6,366,622 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, and Joanna CDBG project.

As of February 2026, customer-paid line extensions totaled \$80,641.

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 February 2026 was 130 GPD. He further reported that the twelve-month average residential usage was 134 GPD.

Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph, noting that rainfall was 3.52 inches in February FY26, which is 0.16 inches above that of February FY25, 0.51 inches above that of February FY24, and 0.78 inches above the norm for February. 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 February 2026. As of February 2026, 586 water services have been installed; 173 services in non-subdivision areas and 413 services in subdivisions. Of this total, eighty-two services were installed in February.

With respect to wastewater services, Mr. Field reported that 380 sewer services had been installed as of February 2026: five services in non-subdivision areas and 375 sewer services in subdivisions. Of this total, twenty-two new sewer services were installed in February.

Mr. Field further reported that during February 2026, six lateral line leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, three repaired within two to four weeks, and four repaired later than four weeks. During the same period, nine main line leak work orders were repaired within two weeks, and two repaired later than four weeks.

As of February 2026, there were three active service line leaks over two weeks old and seven active main line leaks over two weeks old.

In Mr. Mattison's absence, Mr. Field reported on water purchases and presented the rolling average water audit. The rolling 12-month average for non-revenue (unaccounted) water is 15,462,351 gallons, which is a decrease of 212,368 gallons over the previous 12-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 February 2026 the facility pumped 66.526 million gallons of raw water and treated 58.622 million gallons. Mr. Price reported on recent maintenance activities and announced the hiring of an experienced operator, resulting in the Water Treatment Facility being fully staffed. He also noted that colleagues at the Greenwood Commission of Public Works have observed rising geosmin levels in Lake Greenwood due to increasing temperatures; however, he expressed confidence that the ozone system will effectively mitigate any impact to customers.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Commissioner L. Byrd, Jr., MOVED to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on March 24, 2026, and that the minutes were approved at the April 28, 2026, meeting.



Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary