



Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm, June 9, 2022

Chairman Leonard Bowick called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Yeldell, Commissioner Kent Kelly, General Manager Cheryl Daniels, and Office Manager Deborah Peeler present.

On a Motion by George Yeldell, seconded by Kent Kelly, the Commissioners approved the May 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 2022 Accounts Payable and the May 2022 Financial Statement as submitted.

Public/Employee Comments:

- Chuck Cook – County Councilman – discussed energy payment assistance options in the county.

Deborah Peeler ~ Office Manager:

- Office staff took seven (7) new deposits for service during the month of May.
- Eleven (11) customers were disconnected for non-payment on 5/23/22. Two remain cut-off.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

Safety Training – Lisa Willis

- Safety training for the month of June was Heat Stress.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

- The crew marked 70 locate tickets for West Carolina.
- The crew replaced 30 feet of sewer pipe at China 1.
- The crew has been tree trimming around town.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:

- The slope mower is still at J&E Equipment. They are having problems getting parts.
- Sampling for the new NPOES permit will start in July. The current permit expires 01/31/2024.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Furman Parton ~ Water Treatment Plant:

- The Thurmond Lake level started the month of May at 330.22 feet and ended at 330.23 feet.
- DHEC gave verbal permit to operate after the May 18th inspection. The new water plant is in full operation as of May 20th. Still working with Harper to iron out any problems that may arise.
- The control valve for Pump #1 at the raw water station is stuck open. We are unable to run Pump #2 due to it cycling water back through the open control valve on Pump #1. In the event of an emergency with Pump #1, we can physically close a valve on the Pump #1 line and run Pump #2. Eric Moore with Jack Moore & Associates has been contacted and he has given a price for work. Cheryl is working with David Tyre from Turnipseed on applying for grant money to complete this work.
- Pipe has been run to the new tank on Hwy 221. It should not be too much longer before we can start filling it, test it, and put it in operation.
- Hydrant flushing and flow testing began on Tuesday, May 10th and was finished by the end of that same week.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Cheryl Daniels ~ General Manager:

- We received \$22,040.46 for the lightning damage claim at the water plant.
- We are delaying the open house for the new water plant. We should have a firm date in the next couple of weeks.
- We have advertised for a wastewater operator or trainee. Ralph Parks is retiring at the end of the year.
- SC Association of Municipal Power Systems Annual Meeting will be held at Hilton Head June 19, 2022 through June 22, 2022.
- Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget needed. Kent Kelly made a motion to approve, and George Yeldell seconded.
- Punch list items at the water plant are being worked on.

Comments: Chairman Bowick asked legal counsel about non-profits donating to other organizations. Mr. Padgett advised that certain rules would apply and that if the commission wanted to start doing this it would be best to develop a set of requirements. There were also comments regarding the regulation of Carolina Power Partners and our Equal Pay program.

At 5:31 p.m. Mr. Bowick adjourned the meeting with no further business.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Peeler
 Office Manager