



Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm, April 14, 2022

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

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

Public/Employee Comments:

- Republican Party Chair McCravy spoke regarding our Fuel Adjustment policy.

Deborah Peeler ~ Office Manager:

- Office staff took seven (7) new deposits for service during the month of March.
- There were two separate cut-off dates in March and late fees were waived for the months of March and April due to higher than usual bills. 14 customers were disconnected for non-payment on 3/21/22 and 4 customers were disconnected on 4/4/22. 3 remain off as of 04/07/22.
- General Manager and I had a call regarding possible interest in changing billing/accounting software. We will continue to look at other companies that specialize in utility billing.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

Safety Training – Lisa Willis

- Safety training for the month of April was Hand and Power Tool Safety.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

- The crew marked 65 locate tickets in March.
- A rotten pole was detected and replaced on South Pine St.
- WC Tel bored through a sewer line behind White's Hardware. They assisted the crew in making necessary repairs.
- Crew replaced LED lights around town.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:

Mr. Bowick presented Glenn's report:

- The gear box on the lime slurry mixing tank went out. It has been replaced with a spare that was in stock.
- The slope mower is still at J&E Equipment.
- We have submitted our P.T., Study samples for the year and they were all accepted.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Furman Parton ~ Water Treatment Plant:

Mr. Bowick presented Furman's report:

- The Thurmond Lake level started the month of March at 329.77 feet and ended at 330.49 feet.
- The new water treatment plant is operational in "Test Operation" mode. We have been running a few "test runs" with it. It will take a couple of weeks to get it dialed in to producing high quality drinking water. At that point, we will contact DHEC to get their approval to put it into full operation and start sending water to distribution.
- We are still waiting on pipe to be run to the new tank on Hwy 221.
- A second preliminary punch list was done at the new water treatment plant on 3/30/22.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Cheryl Daniels ~ General Manager:

- The water plant project is progressing on schedule. Progress report to be handed out at meeting. DHEC will come and inspect the first or second week of May.
- Update on water meter project. Water meters were received on Tuesday 04/12/22. We are still waiting for the transmitters.
- Open house for new water plant will be scheduled for sometime in June.
- Dr. Yeldell recommended discussion of Veterans Memorial Park donation be done in Executive Session.
- The claim for the lightning damage at the water plant is still outstanding. The adjuster called and requested more information from M/R Systems this week.
- Draft of the 2022-2023 Budget handed out at meeting. Rate proposals handed out at meeting. Budget workshop scheduled for 4/18/22 at 4:00 p.m to discuss budget items.
- SC Association of Municipal Power Systems Annual Meeting to be held at Hilton Head June 19, 2022 through June 22, 2022. Registration information not posted on website as of Tuesday morning.

A vote was taken to appoint a new Chairman of the Commission. On a motion by Kent Kelly seconded by Dr. George Yeldell - Commissioner Leonard Bowick was appointed as the new Chairman replacing former Commissioner Charles Hegler.

Mr. Bowick made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session. Recording of meeting on file.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Peeler
 Office Manager