



## **Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

**5:00 pm, April 13, 2023**

Chairman Leonard Bowick called the monthly business meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Yeldell, Commissioner Kent Kelly, General Manager Cheryl Daniels, Office Manager Deborah Peeler, Superintendent James Robinson, Chief Water Plant Operator Eddie Brown, and Chief Waste Plant Operator Glenn Hill present.

On a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Yeldell, the commissioners approved the agenda as presented. Vote called for and agenda was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Yeldell, the commissioners approved the March meeting minutes, March accounts payable and financial statements as submitted. Vote called for and these items were approved unanimously.

The following comments were presented by department heads.

Deborah Peeler, Office Manager, presented the following report:

- Office staff took Six (6) new deposits for service during the month of March.
- Eighteen (18) customers were disconnected for non-payment on 3/20/23 and 5 door hangers were delivered. Two (2) remain off.
- Office staff created 63 work orders from customer calls during the month of March.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

James Robinson, Superintendent, presented the following report for his department:

- The crew did approximately 40 locates for SC811.
- The crew is tree trimming and bushhogging electric right-of- ways.
- There was an issue with one of the pumps at the lake pump house. Matt Marchman met us on sight April 10 and discovered there was a bad breaker. A replacement has been ordered and should be here in about a week.
- On April 25, a representative from SC Rural Water Association will be here to guide us with a flushing plan.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill, Chief Wastewater Plant Operator presented the following report for his department:

- Our annual ERA Pollution Proficiency Samples all passed.
- We still do not have the #1 Carousel back in operation. Meeting to be held 4/20/23.
- We are doing our final TOX testing for our new NPOES permit this week.
- Ralph Parks final work date 06/30/2023.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Eddie Brown, Chief Water Plant operator presented the following report for his department:

- The elevation for J. Strom Thurmond reservoir for the month of March initially was 328.4 feet and ended at 330.5 feet.
- J & T Service Center was on site March 5, 2023, to repair the generator at the water treatment plant. After repairs were complete, upon startup, the original condition was still persistently evident. Upon further inspection and testing, a compression test was performed, and it was determined that a piston had gone bad and further repairs are needed. An estimate is being prepared for repairs. Also, a recommendation to repair or replace the generator is being written. Once received, staff will evaluate the proposal and make a recommendation.
- March 9, 2023, Goldie Associates, Inc. made a site visit to the water treatment plant and delivered a preliminary chemical hygiene plan, standard operating procedures, daily calibration/verification and bench sheets for the water treatment plant. The procedures and forms have been submitted to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control lab certification for approval. Once an approval has been received, the revisions will be implemented.
- March 12, 2023, through March 15, 2023, the general manager and I attended the annual South Carolina Environmental Conference. The conference was very informative. Several topics of interest were shared at the conference regarding regulations that may soon be of concern to McCormick CPW.
- A presentation was made at the conference by David Tyre with Turnipseed Engineers and Creed Campbell with Harper Construction. The title of the presentation was McCormick CPW Water Treatment Plant-Design and Construction Perspectives.
- On Tuesday March 4, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency set a preliminary regulation on “forever chemicals” or PFOA and PFOS chemicals. The preliminary regulation is 4 parts per trillion (ppt) for these contaminants.
- The State newspaper listed Groundwater and Surface Water Systems that have PFOA and PFOS in an article published on March 25, 2023. McCormick CPW had levels of these substances at 2.4 ppt for PFOA and 7.3 ppt for PFOS.
- Water production would like to acknowledge both James Robinson and Glenn Hill for their help in trouble shooting generator issues at the raw water pump station during the month of March. Also, James Robinson and his staff were most helpful this week in resolving an electrical fault at the raw water pump station.
- Daily operations for water production, for the most part, have been progressing smoothly and running very efficiently.

Cheryl Daniels, General Manager, presented the following report:

- We have hired two employees for the utility/maintenance department. Daniel Coffee started work on April 3 and J Gary Dorn will start on April 24.
- We have started interviewing for the water plant position. This will be a trainee position, as no operators have applied.
- Eddie Brown and I attended a public meeting hosted by the S. C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) on April 11 at Hickory Knob State Park. They provided an overview of a new water planning framework that will help guide surface water management in the Upper Savannah River basin over the next 50 years. A key component of the planning process will be the creation of a River Basin Council (RBC) for each of the eight planning basins in the State. The RBC will include up to 25 members and will be composed of stakeholders representing a diverse range of water interests. The RBCs will be responsible for developing a River Basin Plan over the 50-year planning horizon according to the process outlined in the Planning Framework.
- Proposed budget passed out to commissioners for review. Possible budget workshop to be held before the next meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:15 p.m. by Commissioner Bowick, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deborah Peeler**  
**Office Manager**