



Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm, March 9, 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 Yeldell, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, the commissioners approved the agenda as presented. Vote called for and agenda was approved unanimously.

Councilman Chuck Cook brought information regarding SC Rural Summit and a new grant program that may benefit McCormick. Information to be left with Cheryl Daniels.

On a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Yeldell, the commissioners approved the February meeting minutes, February 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 7 new deposits for service during the month of February.
- Twelve (12) customers were disconnected for non-payment on 2/21/23 and 5 door hangers were delivered. One (1) remains off currently.
- Office staff created 54 work orders from customer calls during the month of February.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

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

- The crew did approximately 35 locates for SC811.
- Satterfield Construction is in town paving and our crew is raising manholes and valve boxes for them.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

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

- We have received our new lab recertification. It will be good until September 2025.
- We will be running our ERA Pollution Proficiency samples this month.
- Fill #1 Carousel and new Aerators failed to run. We had to take it back offline. Ouiva is sending some people to check them out. They are working on solutions.
- 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 February initially was 327.8 feet and ended at 328.4 feet.
- Harper General Contractors were on site at the treatment plant February 20, 2023, to re-tap the finished water sample line to the process control lab. A spare alum pump was added and plumbed in. There are still a small number of remaining minor operational issues that need to be addressed.
- February 8, 2023, and February 13, 2023, Settling Basins 2 and 1, respectively, were completely drained and thoroughly washed for quarterly maintenance.
- With much assistance from the maintenance department, during the month of February, between the 17th and 23rd, the empty alum sludge pond was cleaned out. Eight loads of alum sludge were hauled to the Union County Landfill. Fresh river sand was spread on the bottom of the pond. The pond was then put into service on February 24, 2023. The remaining alum sludge pond was taken out of service and will be drained, allowed to dry, and cleaned and prepared for service when needed, all in a timely manner.
- Insulation Systems of Augusta, Inc. were on site the week of February 20, 2023. Their services provided insulation and freeze protection to exposed infrastructure to avoid operational issues as well as future damage that McCormick CPW experienced during the extreme cold temperatures our area experienced during the month of December 2022. The water treatment plant and elevated storage tank sites were both evaluated for vulnerability to cold weather and measures were taken to avoid such issues in the future.
- J&T Service Center was on site February 22, 2023, for a diagnosis of the Cummins engine on the generator at the water treatment plant. It was determined that the injectors and the injector pump need to be repaired and a valve adjustment needed to alleviate excessive white smoke during performance. While this work is being performed, a portable generator has been put into place to ensure no interruption of service to our customers in the event of an unforeseen power failure. More information and an update will be forthcoming at the April board meeting, as this project is a work in progress during the month of March.
- A delivery date of March 9, 2023, by Goldie Associates, Inc. has been given for the revised standard operating procedures, calibration sheets, daily bench sheets, chemical hygiene and quality assurance/quality control plans for the process control lab at the water treatment plant. This information should bring the process control lab up to standard where it should be. The water treatment plant personnel have been eagerly and anxiously awaiting an update of this latest information for some time now. Our original consultation was October 13, 2022, with a delivery date of mid-February 2023. More information and an update will be coming at next month's board meeting.

- 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:

- Commissioner George Yeldell, Commissioner Kent Kelly, Office Manager Deborah Peeler, and I attended the Legislative Breakfast in Columbia on Wednesday, February 22. This event was hosted by SCAMPS (SC Association of Municipal power Systems and PMPA (Piedmont Municipal Power Agency). We had the opportunity to speak with Senator Billy Garrett and Representative Daniel Gibson, among other leader from neighboring utility companies.
- Commissioner George Yeldell, Commissioner Kent Kelly, Office Manager Deborah Peeler, and I attended the SCAMPS luncheon on Thursday, March 2. We had the opportunity to meet associate members and discuss products and services that were represented there.
- We have received several applications for the utility maintenance position and for the water plant position. We should be conducting interviews in the next couple of weeks.
- I will be attending the SC Environmental Conference March 12 – 15. David Tyre, Turnipseed Engineers, and Creed Campbell, Harper Construction, will be presenting a session about the design and construction perspectives of the McCormick CPW Water Treatment Plant.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Yeldell, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Peeler
Office Manager