



***Minutes
Regular Meeting
5:00 pm, August 11, 2022***

Chairman Leonard Bowick called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Yeldell, Commissioner Kent Kelly, General Manager Cheryl Daniels, Office Manager Deborah Peeler, Electric Superintendent JR Robinson, Chief Wastewater Operator Glenn Hill and Chief Water Operator Furman Parton present.

On a Motion by George Yeldell, seconded by Kent Kelly with all in favor, the Commissioners amended the agenda to include “Executive Session” to discuss legal advice regarding the DHEC letter to the Water plant.

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

Public/Employee Comments:

Chuck Cook – County Councilman – Questioned the possible effect of the DHEC violation on McCormick County Water and Sewer supply and their violations.

Deborah Peeler ~ Office Manager:

- Office staff took 11 new deposits for service during the month of July.
- Fourteen (14) customers were disconnected for non-payment on 7/20/22. Four remain off.
- Auditors were on-site 7/22/22.
- Billing file was sent to our third-party service on 7/22/22. They reported bills were mailed from the Greensboro, NC postal hub on the 27th. The office received numerous complaints that customers had not received their bills. After an investigation it was determined that trays of mail were set aside within the postal system. Customers began receiving bills on 8/5/22.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

Safety Training – Lisa Willis

- Safety training for the month of August will be Hearing Safety.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

- The crew did approximately 50 locates for SC811.
- On July 20 – a tractor trailer truck broke one of our poles causing power outage for around 50 customers.
- We have had a few small water leaks. Crew has worked to repair them and as of now, they are all fixed.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:

- We have passed the Toxicity Test for this quarter.
- We are waiting on the results on our TCLP Sludge Sample to begin sending our sludge to Twin Chimney Landfill.
- J&E has found some parts in China for our slope mower. Parts are in and they are working on it today.
- The electricians have pulled the wire and they are waiting on the valves to come in.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Furman Parton ~ Water Treatment Plant:

- The Thurmond Lake level started the month of July off at 329.61 feet and ended at 328.17 feet.
- The new plant is running well. We are still having communication issues with the raw water pump station and the elevated tanks. WCTEL has run fiber service to the raw water pump station. We are waiting on Southern Flow to come hook everything up for us. We are still working with Harper Construction to work out any problems that may crop up with having the new plant in full operation.
- Demolition of the old plant and reservoir has begun. The old 80,000 gallon elevated tank has been taken out of service. We are still working on getting our bulk chemicals offsite to make way for complete plant and tank demolition. We are struggling to get rid of the Caustic. We were hopeful that another waterplant would take it. May have to pay for waste disposal.
- We are right on the verge of being able to put the new Hwy 221 elevated tank into service. It shouldn't be any more than a week or two now.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Cheryl Daniels ~ General Manager:

- The contractors are almost finished installing the water meters for the automatic read water meter project. We are working with Vanguard, Temetra and Southern Software to get data transferred efficiently for reading and billing purposes.
- The furnishings for the water plant are scheduled to ship the second week of August. We are hopeful to have them delivered by the end of August.
- The water plant received a Notice of Violation from SCDHEC based upon the total trihalomethanes (TTHM). We received notification from DHEC on July 15, 2022, that we had exceeded the MCL (maximum contaminant levels) for TTHM during the July 2021 – June 2022 compliance period. The violation was in April 2022 at the Whitetown Road monitoring location. We were required to notify our customers within 30 days and submit a copy of the public notice to DHEC. (A copy of the Notice of Violation and Public Notice is enclosed) Furman and I had a teleconference with DHEC on Tuesday, August 9 to discuss this violation. We will be notified within the next couple of weeks of the enforcement action.
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) are a group of disinfection byproducts that form when chlorine compounds that are used to disinfect water react with other naturally occurring organics and inorganics in the water. They are colorless, and will evaporate out of the water into the air.
- A representative from Electricities will be here on Tuesday, August 16, to meet with our employees and discuss training opportunities.
- I am working with David Tyre of Turnipseed Engineers to apply for grant money that RIA (SC Rural Infrastructure Authority) is offering. Applications are due September 12

Comments:

At 5:16 p.m. Chairman Bowick adjourned the meeting with no further business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Peeler
Office Manager