



Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm, November 10, 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 and Chief Water Operator Eddie Brown present.

On a Motion by George Yeldell, seconded by Kent Kelly with all in favor, the Commissioners approved agenda as written.

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

Public/Employee Comments:

Deborah Peeler ~ Office Manager:

- Office staff took 10 new deposits for service during the month of October.
- Seventeen (17) customers were disconnected for non-payment on 10/20/22. Three remain off.
- October was open enrollment period for Employee insurance enrollment/changes.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

- The crew did approximately 35 locates for SC811.
- The crew has been tree trimming in several locations in our service area.
- The crew replaced a 1 ½- inch water line at the Highway Dept. on Airport Road.
- The crew cleaned up the fence line and bushhogged the field at the shop.
- The crew completed 92 work orders during the month of October.
- All operations are running smoothly.

Eddie Brown – Chief Water Operator:

- The J. Strom Thurmond Lake started the month of October with an elevation of 326.3 feet and ended the month at an elevation of 324.2 feet.
- The new water treatment plant is functioning very nicely. Wireless communication service has been installed at the Highway 378 elevated tank as well as the Highway 221 tank site. At this point in time, the wireless communication service at the Highway 221 site is working very proficiently. However, the wireless communication at Highway 378 appears to have communication issues. Harper General Contractors and the integrator, Southern Flow, are working to eliminate these issues with the Highway 378 tank site.
- At the Highway 221 tank site, crush and run gravel has been installed and an asphalt drive has been put in place.

- McCormick CPW is cooperating with Harper Construction to eliminate a few remaining concerns with the new treatment plant.
- October 11, 2022, the Main Street elevated water tank was taken out of service, drained, washed and inspected by UtiliServe. Beginning October 12, 2022, the Main Street elevated tank was filled. After two consecutive non-positive bacteria samples, the Main Street elevated tank was placed back into service on October 15, 2022.
- The remaining furniture for the water treatment plant was delivered November 1, 2022. An electrician along with a site visit from Southern Flow will be scheduled to finalize the installation of the control room furniture.
- Demolition of the old water treatment plant and reservoir is complete. All bare areas have been over-seeded and covered with wheat straw. The 80,000-gallon elevated water tank was tilted on October 11, 2022. The metal cut up and disposed of. Also, a new perimeter fence has been installed around the property.
- All other operations at the water filtration plant have been progressing smoothly and efficiently.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Wastewater Operator:

- Plant upgrade is going well.
- We will start sending our sludge to Twin Chimneys next week.
- Overall, operations are running smoothly

Cheryl Daniels ~ General Manager:

- The furniture arrived from Herald Office Solutions and is in place at the water plant. All furnishings have been delivered, except for several blinds. They were cut incorrectly and had to be reordered.
- We have a request to release electric services to Little River Electric at 6300 Highway 28 South. The owner is planning on having a pallet company at that location and is in need of 3-phase service. We can provide an alternate to 3-phase at a cost of approximately \$30,000.00, which we have agreed to split the cost with them. Little River has 3-phase service in that area and is able to offer them discounts that we cannot. (copy of request enclosed) Commissioners voted to get an estimate of usage to calculate loss of revenue.
- A monthly progress meeting was held on Thursday, November 3, with Harper Construction, GMC Engineering and CPW for the Rocky Creek WWTP project. (agenda attached as information)
- I have had a customer contact me about purchasing the old city pond on Highway 378. Her land joins the pond, along with one other landowner. I am in the process of obtaining a fair market value and contacting the other landowner that joins the pond. She is contacting her realtor and attorney before making an offer to us.
- Open House at the new water plant is set for Wednesday, November 16 from 11:00 to 1:00 pm.

Comments:

Study for Natural Gas Feasibility presented to commissioners for review.

Leonard Bowick made a motion and Kent Kelly seconded moving into Executive session for contract discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Peeler