



# McCORMICK

COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Minutes*

### *Regular Meeting*

*5:00 pm, September 12, 2019*

Chairman Charles Hegler called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Long, General Manager Adam Hedden, Superintendent James Robinson and Office Manager Cheryl Daniels present.

**On a Motion** by Commissioner George Long, seconded by Leonard Bowick, the Commissioners approved the August 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 2019 Accounts Payable and the July 2019 Financial Statement.

### **Safety Committee Update:**

Safety Training for the month of September will be Eyeglass Safety.

### **Cheryl Daniels ~ Office Manager:**

Cheryl stated that operations are running smoothly in the office.

### **James Robinson ~ Superintendent:**

JR stated that safety training for the month of September will be Eyeglass Safety. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

### **Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:**

Mr. Hegler presented Glenn's report:

The new vertiline pump and motor has been installed and is working well. The new lab recertification permit has been received. The annual DHEC plant inspection and storm water inspection was August 22. Everything was good at the plant, but a few issues need to be addressed with storm water. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

### **Edward Deason ~ Chief Water Treatment Operator:**

Mr. Hegler presented Edward's report:

The lake level as of Wednesday, September 11, 2019 was 326.73 feet. The water usage has been strong due to hot dry weather and the county has the valve closed from Calhoun Falls. The county has had several leaks in the past few weeks also. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

### **Adam Hedden ~ General Manager:**

Water Plant:

Permanent Financing – The USDA granted additional money as a \$1,500,000 loan and \$500,000 grant. The town passed a resolution approving the funding at their last meeting. The USDA was in attendance and got all the necessary paperwork and signatures.

Letting – Spoke with the USDA on Tuesday. They requested some additional documentation before Friday so the state engineer could complete a review over the weekend. It is anticipated that comments will come back early next week. We expect the comments on the water meters and water tower to be minimal. These two projects will most likely be let separate before the plant. The comments on the plant will be more detailed and require more time to reply. However, we hope to see movement on the letting date for that part of the project in the upcoming weeks as well.

Interim Financing – Interim financing cannot be obtained until the USDA provides some approvals including permission to let the project.

Wastewater Plant:

Ordinance needs DHEC approval. Still waiting on approval.

Wastewater Plant Grant – Received notice to proceed from RIA. Turnipseed met with Glenn and I on Tuesday to go over a draft of the plans. In our meeting we discussed some obstacles and identified some opportunities for saving money on the project. Once complete, the plans will be sent to DHEC. Pending DHEC approval and permission from the RIA, we still anticipate letting the project in November.

Burger King opened on schedule. Prior to opening, there was an issue with a transformer, but with the help of a neighboring utility we were able to get them back on quickly and help keep them on track for their opening date.

Wholesale Power – Legal counsel is working through details of the prepay gas contract with all involved parties. We hoped to have everything complete for this meeting, but it will be pushed back until next month.

NTE sent over a draft of the amended ppa. The changes were minimal, and we will be scheduling a page turn review next week. This will not change our transmission costs from Dominion or our contract pricing from NTE. I am still waiting on some information on the coincidental peak to see if there is anything involved with it that could affect cost. Based on conversations with Summit, it does not look to have an effect.

We received comments from attorney regarding the employee personnel handbook. It should be received and completed over the next few weeks.

Deborah continued her work on selling our excess equipment on gov deals. This past month she sold the old slope mower for \$5,655.

Line truck has been delivered and we are now working on finishing paperwork for the vehicle.

We have got to find a new contact to discuss the pole attachment fees.

We received the study regarding the natural gas. I feel that is not feasible at this time unless we increase our customer base or have more industry in the area.

Debbie Anderson has submitted her retirement letter. Her last day will be September 29, 2019.

There being no further business, Mr. Hegler made motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl Daniels  
Office Manager