

Lee County Utilities Authority

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**Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, August 18, 2022
Page Tharp Governmental Building
Opal Cannon Auditorium
102 Starksville Avenue North
Leesburg, Georgia**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Lee County Utilities Authority met for their regular scheduled meeting on August 18, 2022. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman George Walls, Vice Chairman Ed Duffy, Board members Art Ford, Troy Golden, Victor Stubbs, and Johnny Barthlein. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Kelvin Seagraves, Engineer of Hofstadter and Associates. Those not present were Levent Gokcen and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations. Chairman George Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Chris Boswell, General Manager, led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 16, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Art Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

Approval of June 15, 2022 special called meeting minutes

Victor Stubbs made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting. Ed Duffy seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of draft resolution limiting residential sewer services

The discussion began with General Manager Boswell talking about Authority W.W.T.P. average daily flows and plant discharge treatment standards. The board discussed cost associated with repairs needed at the referenced plant and improvements (cost) that will be required so that the plant can provide water re-use treatment (5mg/LB.O.D./5mg/L T suspend solids once a 700,000 gallon daily average) when daily flow is reached. These costs will be very expensive. Residential development generates more gallons of sewerage than commercial development.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve a resolution drafted by Authority lawyer Jimmy Skipper (date of revised resolution was August 15, 2022) Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

B. Discussion of Authority personnel policy relating to social media activity and compensation time

General Manager Chris Boswell stated that Lee County Board of Commission had taken action on the personnel relating to social media and compensation time. A brief discussion about Lee Board of Commissioners action was had. Chairman Walls stated he would check with Lee Board of Commission staff and inform Utilities Authority of their action taken. These two (2) referenced items were tabled until September Authority meeting.

No Action

C. Request deed from Lee County Board of Commissioners for Lovers Lane new well per EPD/DNR rules

Mr. Boswell provided a copy of exacted deed from Lee B.O.C. Authority Board acknowledged receipt of deed.

No Action

D. Discussion of Drinking Water Projects to Support Increased Population

Mr. Boswell gave a brief explanation of possible grant for cities/counties in the state of Georgia. Applications must be submitted to Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by September 9, 2022 (midnight). Chairman Walls asked that Mr. Boswell work with Lee County Board of Commissioners staff and provide information to submit an application for the referenced grant.

No Action

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Authority discussion of selection of engineering services for the Kinchafoonee Creek Water Pollution Control Plant improvement/repairs

General Manager Chris Boswell began the discussion about the referenced issue and engineer (Hofstadter and Associates), Kelvin Seagraves left the room as discussion began. Mr. Boswell explained that receiving the three (3) request proposals (Stillwater Engineering, Hofstadter and Associates Engineering, and Sowega Engineering). General Manager Chris Boswell explained that these were "Requests for Qualifications" and selection should be based on qualifications. A lengthy discussion was had that included conversation about the complexity of the design for repairs and improvements to be completed at the Kinchafoonee Creek WWT Plant. The work will have to be done while the existing plant and staff continue to operate and treat the daily flow of sewerage to the plant. EPD will require approval of the design before the approved design can be offered for bid.

Ed Duffy made a motion to select Hofstadter and Associated Engineering to be the engineer for the referenced plant repair and improvements. Troy Golden seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mike Hammock asked permission to speak to the Authority Board about liquidated damages (Lovers Lane Deep Well Project) liquidated Damages (132 days at \$500.00 per day) \$66,000.00. Mr. Hammock explained the problems that Covid virus had caused his business over the last (20) or so months due to death of family members/staff/crew illness and equipment/part delays. A lengthy discussion/conversation was had. Mr. Hammock asked the Authority Board to please consider cutting the liquidated damages in half.

Art Ford made a motion to decrease the liquidated damage by half to \$33,000. Ed Duffy seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. Lovers Lane Well

B. GEFA Draw No. 12 request

The Authority Board discussed the final bill minus \$33,000 from liquidated damages/change order for Schmidt Environmental Construction \$119,228.11.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to pay Schmidt Environmental Construction \$119,228.11. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

C. Hofstadter and Associates Engineering and Construction observation cost \$24,176.61

Discussion

Troy Golden made a motion to pay Hofstadter and Associates Engineering \$24,176.61. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Ed Duffy seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.



Tricia Harris, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted September 15, 2022