

Lee County Utilities Authority

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**Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 26, 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 Wednesday 26, 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 Levent Gokcen. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, and Kelvin Seagraves, Engineer of Hofstadter and Associates. Those not present were Johnny Barthlein. Chairman George Walls called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Chris Boswell, General Manager, led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 15, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes

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

4. NEW BUSINESS – None

5. OLD BUSINESS

Project(s)/Financial Discussion

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Board was presented with information on the cost and repair options for the WWPT. After reviewing the information with the Board, Chris Boswell, General Manager recommended an upgrade for \$5,162,000 which adds new filter system due to the current filter system is outdated and worn out which is adding to the repair cost and maintenance of the system. Other items included would be repainting, generators and UV system (upgrade) these repairs/ upgrades will be usable in new plant and as part of any expansions in the near future. Construction would start in 6-9 months once plans and permitting are approved.

No Action was taken

B. Hospital Water and Sewer Cost

No Action

C. Commercial Water and Sewer along US19/ Branchview

Tabled

D. Authority Jet/Vac Truck

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that not enough information was available to make an informed decision on the matter of purchasing a new Jet/Vac truck.

Ed Duffy made a motion to have a called meeting November 2, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. to review more information with the intention of proceeding with a purchase. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Ed Duffy, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed

E. GPR for Locating Underground Water and Sewer Lines that Do Not Have Tracer Wire

Victor Stubbs made a motion to authorize the General Manager, Chris Boswell, to purchase a Ground Penetrating Radar System with SPLOST funds but not exceeding \$25,000. Art Ford seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Ed Duffy, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed

F. Financing Options

Discussion was held with Trey Monroe, Managing Director with Stifle Public Finance, he stated that bonds could be issued to help cover the cost of the upcoming expenses. He explained that the bonds could be structured and issued with a "Not to Exceed" clause to allow for only what is needed to be used and repaid. It was added that with proper timing the bonds could be ready to close in 60 days and that a rate would be locked in regardless of the amount that is actual used.

Troy Golden made a motion to proceed with issuing "Revenue Bonds" with the "not to exceed" clause, and approve the presented proposal by Hofstadter Engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements for \$5.1 million. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Ed Duffy, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed

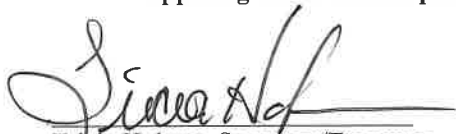
6. **PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS - None**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ed Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Ed Duffy, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.


Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted November 17, 2022