

# Lee County Utilities Authority

**GEORGE WALLS**  
Chairman  
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Vice-Chairman  
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**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, April 20, 2023**  
**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 April 20, 2023. 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 Victor Stubbs, Board members Art Ford, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen and Amy Addison. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations. Not in attendance was board member Johnny Barthlein. Chairman George Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### 2. INVOCATION

Chris Boswell, General Manager, led the invocation.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 16, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

**Bob Usry made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023 meeting. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Levent Gokcen with no opposing votes. The motion passed.**

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Grand Island Well/Fussell Road Rehab Pump

Chris Boswell advised the Board on the need for an urgent repair needed at the Grand Island well/Fussell Road. An update was presented on the status of the well issues and the results of the requested proposal for the repairs. Mr. Boswell recommended Greene's Water Wells advising they were the second lowest bid. With their experience and knowledge of this well pump repair, they will be able to repair in the period needed.

**Bob Usry made a motion to accept the bid from Greene's Water Well for \$74,835 and that the project be funded with bond proceeds. Art Ford seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Levent Gokcen with no opposing votes the motion passed.**

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Investment of Authority Funds

Chris Boswell advised the Board that 1.4 million of Authority funds were invested with Colony Bank (Jamie Knight) for nine months via money market CD. Authority bond funds remain at U.S. Bank and should remain there due to receiving a rate of 4.85%, funds are readily available and U.S. Bank is the designated manager of the bond funds. The manager is required to know, report, and control activity for the Authority and the investors (buyers of the bonds). Discussions with Trey Monroe, April Bright of U.S. Bank V.P. and Tommy Ratchford attorney for the Bond Council for Murray Barnes Finister LLP made it clear that transferring funds to LPL Bank, Bucky Leach manager, would be a lot of work with no real increase to show for the extra work.

**Bob Usry made a motion to leave the bond proceeds with US Bank for investing and the prior motions to move the funds be withdrawn. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Levent Gokcen with no opposing votes the motion passed.**

6. **PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - NONE**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WWTP IMPROVEMENT/ To Be Paid with 2022 Bond Proceeds

Vendor

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Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. (Inv306535503) \$74,768.75

**Bob Usry made a motion to pay Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. (Invoice 306535503) \$74,768.75 Art Ford seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Amy Addison, Levent Gokcen, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Bob Usry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Amy Addison, Levent Gokcen, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.**

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Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted May18, 2023