

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 21, 2024
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 March 21, 2024. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman George Walls and Board members Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Art Ford, Robert (Bob) Usry, Amy Addison, and Levent Gokcen. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager, Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, Kelvin Seagraves, of Hofstadter and Assoc. Not in attendance was member Aaron McCulley. 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 February 15, 2024, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Victor Stubbs motioned to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. CRI Second Quarter Financial Review

Chris Boswell reviewed the financial statements prepared by Carr, Riggs and Ingram showing that the UA is in good standing for the second quarter with the Board. Operation income a gain of \$567,388; Non-Operating Income (Expenses) -\$144,542; Net Change in position is an increase for \$422,846.

No Action Taken

B. FY 25 Community Project Form for Submission to Congressman Bishop

Recommendation for submitting a proposal to Congressman Bishop for FY 25 Community Projects the grant application process has opened for the House Appropriations Committee. After

a discussion with Chad Griffin, of Still Waters Engineering, I recommend using \$203,000 of the remaining funds as local funding with the referenced application for a new well. Grant funds would be 80% grant and 20% local fund project submission. The approximate cost of the project would be \$1,030,000 broken down to a new well of \$1,000,000 and engineering \$30,000.

Any Addison made a motion to apply to the FY25 Community project and funding of twenty percent from Authority funds. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the Authority Bond Funds/Project List.

The Utilities Authority received a request for proposal from two vendors to complete the inventory portion of the Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Services.

120Water \$155,798.14 and TruePani Inc. \$ 55,000.00

Staff along with Hofstadter and Associates recommended awarding the project to TruePani Inc. for \$55,000.00

Bob Usry made a motion to award the bid for the Lead and Copper Rule Compliance services to TruePani, Inc. for \$55,000.00. Art Ford seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - NONE

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

WWPT Improvements
To be paid with 2022 Bond Funds

Draw 005

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parrish Construction Group, INC (Request 05)	433,846.89
Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. (Inv306535511)	11,920.28

Total REQUESTED Payments \$ 445,767.17

Bob Usry motioned to pay the submitted vendors in draw number five for \$445,767.17. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

AMI Implementation
To be paid with 2022 Bond Funds
Draw 002

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Consolidated Pipe INV GA027596	\$138,432.00
Consolidated Pipe INV GA027597	\$ 11,055.00
Consolidated Pipe INV GA027576	\$750,975.00
<u>Total REQUESTED Payments</u>	<u>\$ 900,462.00</u>

Art Ford motioned to pay the submitted vendors in draw number two for \$900,462.00. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea was Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Amy Addison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Bob Usry, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

April 18, 2024
Adopted