

Lee County Utilities Authority

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**Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 20, 2025
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 20, 2025. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Larry Walters, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold were present. Aaron McCulley was not in attendance. Chris Boswell, General Manager, and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, were also present. 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 20, 2025, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Larry Walters motioned to approve the February 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Art Ford seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lee County CDBG (Grant), Discussion/Application

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be applying for a CBD Grant for the Weslo Mobile Home Park located at 1137 US 19 South. The grant, if approved, would allow for the repair and replacement of the forty-year-old water lines. The LCBOC requests that the LCUA commit to "Operation & Maintenance" and provide a \$55,000 match if the grant is approved.

Philip Husain motioned to commit to match \$55,000 for applying for a CBD Grant along with the Lee County Board of Commissioners. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Victor

Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Philip Husain motioned to have General Manager Chris Boswell negotiate with the property owner for assistance with funding. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

B. Authority Rules/Regulation Discussion

Discussion of the need for a medical assistance policy with delinquent customers. The board requested that medical and financial needs be addressed in the application process, a volunteer round-up option to assist with funding, and a comparison to other utility providers for review.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Private Well/Authority Customers

After reviewing the Lee County Environmental Health Board's statement, the current LCUA policy, and the option of an Authority attorney, it was concluded that the Utilities Authority's current regulations do not need to be amended or revised regarding this matter.

NO ACTION TAKEN

B. Generator Grant Program
Information only -NO ACTION

C. Bond Arbitrage Information

Board member Philip Husain gave a brief explanation of the bond arbitration process.

Philip Husain motioned to move \$162,375.77 to “demand deposit slugs” and that the LCUA review the yearly arbitration report and adjust the liability accordingly. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

D. Remaining Fund Disbursement

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the remaining unallocated bond proceeds are currently \$508,470.65, and the remaining SPLOST VII is \$35,728 after discussing the potential County Hospital project by Chairman Walls and the need for \$500,000 for a portion of the needed infrastructure.

Philip Husain motioned to use the remaining SLPOST VII of \$35,728 and \$8,470.65 of the bond to proceed toward the AMI meter replacement project. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

8. **PROJECT REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A.

AMI Project
To be paid with 2022 Bond Funds
Draw 009

Consolidated Pipe

Cons Inv GA0276059	35,055.00
Cons Inv GA0275676	58,055.00
Cons Inv GA0275745	14,145.00
Cons Inv GA0275841	17,015.00

M&E Construction


M&E Inv 100211	22,880.00
M&E Inv 100242	3,788.00

Total REQUESTED Payments \$ 150,930.00

Chad Arnold motioned to pay the requested invoices in the amount of \$150,930.00. Art Ford seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Victor Stubbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Chad Arnold seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

April 17, 2025
Adopted