

Lee County Utilities Authority

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**Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 17, 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 March 17, 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 Tricia Harris, Director of Administrative Operations, and Kelvin Seagraves, Engineer of Hofstadter and Associates. Not present was John Wheaton. 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 the February 17, 2022 meetings minutes

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting with a change of the word “them” to “the motion”. Ed Duffy seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Troy Golden, Johnny Barthlein, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Veilands Orthodontics water connection request due to private well issue

Chris Boswell informed the board that Veilands Orthodontics is requesting permission to connect to the City of Leesburg’s water system. Their business is location is just beyond the City of Leesburg city limits at the corner of Firetower Road and U.S. Hwy. 32 East. He explained that in the past the Authority has taken no action.

After discussion on the matter Johnny Barthlein made a motion to take no action on the issue. The motion was seconded by Victor Stubbs. Voting yea were Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs. Voting no were Ed Duffy, Art Ford and Troy Golden. The motion does not pass due to a vote of two to three.

After additional discussion on the matter Troy Golden made a motion to allow the business the option to choose to connect or not. Voting yes were Ed Duffy, Art Ford and Troy Golden. Voting no were Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs. The motion passes with a vote of three to two votes.

B. Weslo Estates Mobile Home Park system failed Nitrate testing

Chris Boswell explained to the board that the referenced sample failure triggered a public notice to not consume or drink the water. EPD has reached out about assistance and requested paying the funds for the connection to the Authority water system. The Authority policy requires developer/owner to fund his water connection. More information will be available as it is received.

No Action Taken

C. Oakland Crossing Drive extension 12” water main conflict

Chris Boswell explained to the board that the existing 12” water main needs to be lowered to accommodate a much bigger storm drain pipe to prepare for the development of a nearby property. The developer is requesting help from Lee BOC and the Authority. The Authority requires developer to fund this type of construction.

No Action Taken

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Jet/Vac Equipment (truck or trailer combination discussion)

Chris Boswell updated the board on the Jet/Vac equipment.

No Action Taken

B. State Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant Program update on BOC application

The water and sewer grant application was not funded. The Utility Authority needs funding for WWTP. The last estimate was \$1,524,972.50. Chris Boswell stated the EPD will eventually have a consent order to make the Utility Authority do this work. Chris Boswell will bring the preliminary cost estimate to the BOC on April 26 and give a presentation.

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Lovers Lane deep well update

Kelvin Seagraves with Hofstadter provided the board with the inspection update report. Retainage has been increased to 10% due to the delay. GEFA has been notified so the loan documents can be modified as to the completion date of May 1, 2022.

