

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 19, 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 May 19, 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, Levent Gokcen, and Johnny Barthlein. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Harris, Director of Administrative Operations, Trey Monroe, Stifel Bank, and Kelvin Seagraves, Engineer of Hofstadter and Associates. 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 April 21, 2022 meetings minutes

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting. Ed Duffy seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Troy Golden, Levent Gokcen, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Authority Discussion of Joint Meeting with Lee Board of Commission- Kinchafoonee Creek WWTP Improvements Funding

General Manager Chris Boswell opened up discussion with a brief explanation of the April 26th referenced meeting. He stated that the meeting conversation/discussion shifted to the Kinchafoonee Creek WWTP needs and the cost of the needs. Current plant average daily flows are 640,000 gallons, once the flow average becomes 700,000 gallons the treatment level goes up to (5) oxygen demand and (5) milligrams per liter total suspended solids (please see pages 6,7,8 and 9 of permit.) Chairman Walls then stated that Lee Board of Commission wanted the preliminary cost estimate (\$4,868,750.00) bid out. General Manager Chris Boswell explained that an engineer or engineering firm would have to design a plan, submit the plan

to E.P.D. for approval and once approved then it could be bid out. Further discussion by all members revealed that the plant would have to maintain treatment levels while under construction. Kelvin Seagraves explained the process. Chairman Walls explained that the Lee Board of Commissioners wanted the engineering service to be bid out. All Authority Board members were involved in a long discussion about having major repairs completed and specific construction components added to the existing plant so that it can treat flows up to one million gallons a day (See Budget- Preliminary Cost Estimate Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation).

Johnny Barthlein made a motion for Chris Boswell to get with Christi Dockery and bid out engineering services with the Authority to select the engineer. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

B. Jet/Vac Truck Discussion

Chris Boswell informed the Authority Board that the sewer system is too large to not have a jet/vac truck. The Authority field staff has had one for 20 years and cannot be operational without a jet/vac truck.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to allow Chris Boswell to bid out a new truck in conjunction with checking with Jim Wright/ military base for additional information. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with one opposing vote Ed Duffy. Motion passed.

C. Capital Plan Financing Alternatives

Trey Monroe with Stifel Bank presented the Utility Authority Board with a short presentation over future of projects and possible funding.

No Action

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. Lovers Lane Deep Well Update

Kelvin Seagraves explained to the Utility Board that the Lovers Lane Well became operational Monday May 16, 2022. Small deficiencies are being corrected.

B. GEFA Draw No 11 request
Lovers Lane Deep Well

To be paid with GEFA loan funds **Draw 011**

Vendor	Amount
Schmidt Environmental Constr. (No 11)	30,706.56

Total REQUESTED Payments \$ 30,706.56

Troy Golden made a motion to pay the total \$30,706.56 from GEFA Loan funds. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Levent Gokcen, Troy Golden, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ed Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, Levent Gokcen, Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.



Tricia Harris, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted June 16, 2022