

# Lee County Utilities Authority

**GEORGE WALLS**  
Chairman  
**Victor Stubbs**  
Vice-Chairman  
Authority Members:  
Johnny Barthlein  
Art Ford  
Levent Gokcen  
Robert (Bob) Usry  
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General Manager  
  
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Director of Administrative Operations  
  
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**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 16, 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 March 16, 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, Board members Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry, Levent Gokcen, Amy Addison, and Johnny Barthlein. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations. 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 16, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Bob Usry made a motion to remove the three-year length of appointment to George Walls as Chairman. The motion died due to lack of a second.

**Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 meeting. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Johnny Barthlein, Amy Addison and Levent Gokcen. Voting against was Robert (Bob) Usry. Motion passes with a five to one vote.**

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Financial Statements

Chris Boswell reviewed the second quarter report prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram. He highlighted the change in liabilities now of \$26,083,104 compared to December 31, 2021 at \$17,412,070, recording the new bond issuance. Noting the change in net position of \$38,827.

The revenue and expense report as of February 28, 2023 showed that the percent of completion is 66.67 and that the revenue summary shows currently at 66.06 and expense summary shows currently at 59.18. Boswell added that the staff have worked diligently to keep within the budget and that the 2022 bond payments were an unbudgeted item. He reminded the board that during the budget process last year there were no plans to move forward with a Bond issuance.

**No action**

B. Review of Federal E.P.A. Lead and Copper Rule Revision. (LCRR) & Time Line

Information Provided – **No action**

C. Lead Service Line Funding- Deadline to Apply April 14, 2023

Chris Boswell explained that GEFA will be offering funding for the “Lead Service Line Funding” but has set a deadline for April 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM for pre-applying under GEFA’s request for interest. He explained that there is no obligation to borrow the money at this time and that this is just allowing for “pre-apply” only.

**Johnny Barthlein made a motion to allow Chris Boswell to make an application for “pre-apply under GEFA’s request for interest.” Amy Addison seconded the motion Voting yea were Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Amy Addison, Levent Gokcen, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.**

\* Robert (Bob) Usry donated his compensation check from the Lee County Utilities Authority back to Authority as a donation in the amount of \$100 for the “well fund”.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. American Rescue Act Funding Discussion

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the BOC has taken no action on this item, he added that he had attended the BOC meetings twice. Chairman George Walls advised he would go to the BOC Chairman and request the funding on behalf of the Authority for \$650,000 for the proposed sewer extension project along HWY 19.

**No Action**

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. (Inv306535502) \$113,648.50

Chris Boswell showed the board plans and advised that February’s invoice has not been paid.

**Bob Usry made a motion to pay Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. (Invoice 306535502) \$113,648.50 Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, Amy Addison, Levent Gokcen, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Victor Stubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M. Voting yea were Art Ford, Johnny Barthlein, 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 April 20, 2023