

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 18, 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 May 18, 2023. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Johnny Barthlein, Art Ford, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Amy Addison. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations. Not in attendance was Chairman George Walls and board member Levent Gokcen. Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs 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 April 20, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting. Bob Usry seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of FY 2023-2024 Operation Budget

The FY 2023-24 budget was presented by staff and budget committee for \$4,936,400. Highlights included an increase in debt service payment by \$330,000, one new vehicle and one new full time position. Debt service payments made up 44% percent of the expense, salary and wages made up 21% and operation cost 16%. The budget included the following increases in rates:

Base rate for residential and commercial water will increase from \$19 to \$20.

Base rate for residential and commercial sewer will increase from \$19 to \$20.

Access fee for water will increase from \$2400 to \$2600

Access fee for sewer will increase from \$2600 to \$2800

Meter fees will increase according to size by \$150 each.

Bob Usry made a motion to approve the presented budget for FY 2023-2023 in the amount of \$4,986,400 effective July 1, 2023. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry,

Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to increase base rate for residential and commercial water will increase from \$19 to \$20, base rate for residential and commercial sewer will increase from \$19 to \$20, access fee for water will increase from \$2400 to \$2600, access fee for sewer will increase from \$2600 to \$2800 and meter fees will increase according to size by \$150 each. The changes will be effective July 1, 2023. Bob Usry seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Weslow Mobile Home Park

The board was given updates on the Weslow MHP addition to the UA system due to well water issues. The Board noted several items of concern with the contract and advise Chris Boswell to work with Jimmy Skipper to clarify the concerns.

Amy Addison made a motion for Chris Boswell to modify the contract and proceed with exaction with property owner. Bob Usry seconded the motion. Voting yea were Bob Usry, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

6. **PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - NONE**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Usry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Amy Addison, Robert (Bob) Usry, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted June 15, 2023