

# Lee County Utilities Authority

**GEORGE WALLS**  
Chairman  
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Vice-Chairman  
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**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 15, 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 June 15, 2023. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman George Wall and Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Johnny Barthlein, Art Ford, Levent Gokcen and Amy Addison. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations. Not in attendance was board member Bob Usry. Chairman 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 May 18, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

**Victor Stubbs made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.**

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. SPLOST VIII Discussion/Preparation

Chris Boswell advised that the BOC staff have begun the process of preparing the project list for the SPLOST VIII. He advised the board that he would prepare a list for water and sewer project by the next meeting.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Authority Customer Private Well Use

Chris Boswell advised the Board that SB121 might affect the existing Authority policy pertaining to the well use within the Authority’s service area. He advised that Jimmy Skipper, attorney for the Authority, had reviewed the bill and recommends the attached resolution for consideration to strengthen and clarify the Authority’s current policy.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to adopt the resolution titled “**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE I, SECTION 4(A) OF THE LEE COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WATER CONNECTIONS TO THE LEE COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY WATER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO SUCH CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND FARMS; TO PROHIBIT EXISTING CUSTOMERS OF THE AUTHORITY’S WATER SYSTEM FROM TAKING ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCONNECTING SUCH CUSTOMER’S PREMISES FROM THE AUTHORITY’S WATER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER WELLS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, RECREATIONAL USE OR PROCESS USE FOR FARMS, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY WATER CUSTOMERS OWNING MORE THAN TEN (10) ACRES OF LAND; TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXISTING AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS FROM INSTALLING WATER WELLS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, RECREATIONAL USE, OR PROCESS USE IRRIGATION ON PROPERTY LESS THAN TEN (10) ACRES; TO PROVIDE FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND FARMS OVER TEN (10) ACRES; TO UTILIZE WATER WELLS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, RECREATION USE OR PROCESS USE; TO PROHIBIT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND FARMS FROM INSTALLING WATER WELLS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, RESIDENTIAL USE, OR PROCESS USE ON PROPERTY LESS THAN TEN (10) ACRES; TO PROVIDE FOR RESCISSION OF EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE LEE COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**”, Amy Addison seconded the motion. . Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein. Art Ford opposed the motion. The motion passed four to one.

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - NONE

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

US 19 Water and Sewer Extension

To be paid with 2022 Bond Proceeds

Vendor	Amount
Lanier Engineering	\$5,440.00

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Amy Addison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Levent Gokcen seconded the motion. Voting yea were Art Ford, Amy Addison, Levent Gokcen, and Victor Stubbs with no opposing votes. Motion passed.



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Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted July 20, 2023