

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, August 17, 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 August 17, 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 Johnny Barthlein, Levent Gokcen, and Amy Addison. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager, Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations and Kelvin Seagraves of Hofstadter Engineering. Not in attendance were Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs and board members Robert (Bob) Usry and Art Ford. Chairman George Walls called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Chris Boswell, General Manager, led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 20, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kinchafoonee Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Price Bid Review

Chris Boswell and Kelvin Seagraves, of Hofstadter and Associates, advised the Board of the bid opening results for the W.W.T.P. project. One bid received from Parrish Construction for \$4,665,366.00. Mr. Seagraves advised the Board that potential bidders acquired seven bid packages; the bid request was advertised for 34 days in all the standard bid-posting locations and ran in the local paper. The project is expected to be completed in twelve months.

Chairman Walls recommended the project be rebid.

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to rebid the project in 30 days. (Chris Boswell advised that the current bid must be rejected in order to rebid the project). The MOTION died due to lack of a second.

Levent Gokcen made a motion that more information be compiled on Parrish Construction and the Board **have a called meeting August 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM (noon) to review findings. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.**

B. Weslo Mobile Home Park Water System Agreement

The Board members had a brief discussion on the presented material (original and lasted version of proposed agreement.) Chris Boswell advised the Board that a few more changes would be needed before the Board will need to take any actions.

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Denton Hardie property owner of 329 Hickory Grove Road (4.6 acres) is requesting consideration to be “grandfathered” exempt from the Authorities current policy that prohibits the installation of wells on property less than ten acres. Mr. Hardie made the request based on at the time he purchased the property was before the policy was in place. The referenced property was purchased February 5, 1993.

The board advised Chris Boswell to have the Authority attorney, Jimmy Skipper, review the policy and advise if this is optional without recourse.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

WWTP Improvements

Payable with 2022 Bond Proceeds

Vendor	Amount
Hofstadter and Associates, INC. (Invoice 306535506)	\$14953.75

Total REQUESTED Payments \$ 14,953.75

Levent Gokcen made a motion to pay the invoice presented for \$14,953.75. Johnny Barthlein seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Johnny Barthlein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Amy Addison and Johnny Barthlein with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted September 28, 2023