

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, September 28, 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 September 28, 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 Levent Gokcen, Art Ford, Victor Stubbs, Robert (Bob) Usry and Aaron McCulley. Also present were Chris Boswell, General Manager, Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations and Kelvin Seagraves of Hofstadter Engineering. Not in attendance was Amy Addison. 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 August 17, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Bob Usry made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting. Art Ford seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Victor Stubbs, Bob Usry, Art Ford and Aaron McCulley with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Approval of August 22, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes

Levent Gokcen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Victor Stubbs, Bob Usry, Art Ford and Aaron McCulley with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kinchafoonee Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Project Review

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the project had begun September 25, 2023 after the preconstruction meeting with involved parties. Project completion date will be September 24, 2024.
Information only – NO ACTION TAKEN

B. Water Well Discussion

Chris Howell presented the Board with an email and an amendment to Article I, Section 4 prepared by Jimmy Skipper, attorney for the Authority, at the request of Board in August.

After a brief review, Levent Gokcen made a motion to approve the amendment titled, “**Amendment to Article I, Section 4 of the Lee County Utilities Authority Water and Sewer Regulations to Authorize the Utility Authority Board to Grant Waiver of Requirement to Connect to Authority Water System under Limited Circumstances.**” Bob Usry seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Victor Stubbs, Bob Usry, Art Ford and Aaron McCulley with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Amendment to Article I, Section 4 of the Lee County Utilities Authority Water and Sewer Regulations to Authorize the Utility Authority Board to Grant Waiver of Requirement to Connect to Authority Water System under Limited Circumstances.”

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 4(A), in the event that a property owner who is not a subdivision developer, builder, contractor has (i) owned a single-family residential lot or parcel located in a single-family residential subdivision previously approved by the Lee County Board of Commissioners for not less than twenty-five (25) consecutive years; (ii) never constructed on the lot or parcel either a single-family residence in which the property owner intends to reside as his primary residence or any other building or structure; and (iii) made proper application for the use of a water well to provide as the water source for irrigation of the property owner’s lot or parcel, the Authority shall be authorized to grant the property owner a waiver of any requirement to connect to the Authority water system for such residence for irrigation purposes only if the installation of a water well for such location for such purpose is properly permitted by the Lee County Department of Health. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Authority shall not be authorized to waive any Authority regulation that the property owner connect to the Authority water system for the provision of water for residential use at such single-family residence.

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Victor Stubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Bob Usry seconded the motion. Voting yea were Levent Gokcen, Victor Stubbs, Bob Usry, Art Ford and Aaron McCulley with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

Adopted November 16, 2023