

Lee County Utilities Authority

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RE-Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, October 17, 2024
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 October 17, 2024. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Chairman George Walls, Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry were present. Chris Boswell, General Manager, and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, were also present. 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 September 25, 2024, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Amy Addison motioned to approve the September 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Voting yes were Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Operational Generators Emergency Discussion

Chris Boswell advised the Board that a sub-meeting with Cole Williams, Lee County E.M.A. Director, Amy Addison, Authority board member (budget committee), and Mike Sistruck, Public Works Director, had met to discuss emergency preparations for the water and sewer system. He advised that the UA has (3) three mobile generators, but (2) two are in the shop for repairs. Explained that existing generators are military grade, and repairs have taken much longer than usual. The (2) two generators are expected to be returned next month.

After discussion, Bob Usry motioned to bid (1) one 200 Kw generator with maintenance. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. US 19 Water and Sewer Extension - Easement

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the easement allocation for the US 19 Water and Sewer Extension has been delayed by the Roberts Family Property, aka Morgan Estates, located at 1399 US 19. The owners are asking for \$26,400. He explained that he had discussed the issue with Jimmy Skipper, the Authority's attorney, and recommended that the Authority hire an appraiser to assess the value and one willing to testify if needed in future litigations.

After discussion, Aaron McCulley motioned to allow Chris Boswell, General Manager, to attempt to negotiate with the property owner before hiring an appraiser. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Voting yea were Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

6. PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - NONE

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A.

Chris Boswell advised that the subcontractor installing the telemetry system has requested an extension until November 11 due to employee issues with Hurricane Helena. Jimmy Skipper, attorney for the Authority, recommends that the Board consider this request favorable.

Amy Addison motioned to approve the extension til November 11, as requested. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Voting yea were Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

WWPT Improvements
To be paid with 2022 Bond Funds
Draw 012

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parrish Construction Group, INC (Request 12)	171,216.06
Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. (Inv306535518)	9,395.23

Total REQUESTED Payments \$ 180,611.29

After discussion, Bob Ursy motioned to pay Parrish Construction Group, INC \$100,000.00 on request number 12. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison,

Larry Walters, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. Aaron McCulley was not present for the vote. The motion passed.

After discussion, Bob Ursy motioned to pay Hofstader & Associates, Inc. \$9,395.23. Amy Addison seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. Aaron McCulley was not present for the vote. The motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Victor Stubbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., and Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Amy Addison, Larry Walters, Philip Husain, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. Aaron McCulley was not present for the vote. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

November 21, 2024

Adopted