

Lee County Utilities Authority

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RE-Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, November 21, 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 November 21, 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 Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry were present. Amy Addison and Philip Husain were not in attendance. 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 October 17, 2024, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Victor Stubbs motioned to approve the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Aaron McCulley seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. December UA Meeting

Aaron McCulley motioned to move the Utilities Authority's December meeting from December 19 to December 12, 2024. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

B. Outside Water Provided to Lee County Properties

Chris Boswell advised the Board that the City of Albany is providing water service to the Roland property in Lee County from a fire hydrant. Jimmy Skipper has provided the council stating the legal rule is that, under the provisions of Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 3 of the Georgia Constitution, before Albany is legally authorized to provide water service to a location that is

outside of the boundaries of Albany, Albany is required to have a written contract with Lee County authorizing Albany to provide such water service in Lee County.

After discussion, Bob Ursy motioned to have Jimmy Skipper notify the water system owner and the City of Albany that notice is giving “30 days notice to Cease and desist” and include an offer with pricing to connect via a master meter. Aaron McCulley seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Bob Usry motioned to amend the prior motion to include the wording “Special Emergency” for the master meter. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

Amended MOTION

To notify the water system owner and the City of Albany that notice is giving “30 days notice to Cease and desist” and include an offer with pricing to connect via a “Special Emergency” master meter.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Operational Generators Emergency Discussion

Chris Boswell, General Manager, advised the Board that the Authority currently has two generators in operation and expects to have the third one back in operation by the end of December. All three generators will also be under maintenance contracts by the end of December.

No Action

B. U.S. 19 Water and Sewer Extension – Easement

Chris Boswell advised the Board that his attempts to negotiate with the Roberts family have proven unsuccessful. He has contacted Scott Westbrook to appraise the property, as Jimmy Skipper suggested, the quote for work was provided to the Board.

Aaron McCully motioned to hire Scott Westbrook for the quoted fees. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

8. **PROJECT REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A. WWTP Improvements

The wastewater treatment portion of the project has been completed as scheduled, but the telemetry system has been delayed due to sources beyond the controlling contractor. The UA staff experienced delays with the SIM card purchase from Verizon and technical issues with Medicom and IT services with the IP address being switched from public to private for security protocols.

Larry Walters motioned to extend the completion date for the WWTP Improvements to December 2, 2024. Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Aaron McCulley, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Aaron McCulley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., and Victor Stubbs seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Aaron McCulley, Larry Walters, and Robert (Bob) Usry voted yes, with no opposing votes.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

December 12, 2024
Adopted