

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, February 20, 2025
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 February 20, 2025. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold were present. Phillip Husain and Aaron McCulley were not in attendance. Chris Boswell, General Manager, and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, were also present. Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs 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 January 16, 2025, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Victor Stubbs motioned to approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Larry Walters seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcoming of returning Board Member Art Ford and new member Chad Arnold.

B. Appointment of Authority Member to Budget Committee

Art Ford was appointed to the budget committee to serve alongside Philip Husain.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Doublegate Private Water System EPD issues

The Board asked for an update on this issue; Chris Boswell advised the Board that the

water system owner has repaired the well, and the EPD is satisfied. He added that an email was sent to the system owner advising that the Authority would like to discuss a plan for future backup if issues arise, but the owner has not responded.

Chairman Walls requested that a quote be prepared for “stubbing off for connection in case this situation arises again” and for the cost estimates of the lines to be run to connect the 30 Lee County citizens if they wanted to connect. The discussion concerned UA spending money without guarantee of return or customer increase and interfering with someone's business.

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

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

A. U.S. Hwy 19 Sewer and Water Project

Boswell advised the Board that three of the four easements have been obtained, the contracts have been signed, and the project will continue progressing.

B. Arbitrage

Boswell advised the Board that the tax-free bond issuance of December 2023 has federal arbitrage regulations associated with tax-exempt bond proceeds. Currently, in 2027, the authority will owe \$166,477.16. He advised that the funds must be set aside but not paid due to possible changes before the due date.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Victor Stubbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Chad Arnold seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Larry Walters, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

March 20, 2025

Adopted