

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County Water & Sewer District was held at Lancaster County Water & Sewer District's Administrative Office in the Conference Center Board Room at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

Members Present: Gerald White, Doc Steele, Robert Barr, Jimmy Deaton, Larry Hammond, Robert Harris, and RJ Clyburn.

Members Absent: Stephen White and Mike Williams

In addition, there were present: Brad Bucy, District Manager; Wes Carter, Operations Manager; Margaret Flow, Business Manager; Amanda Threatt, Administrative Assistant; Jim Sheedy and Susan Driscoll, District Legal Counsel

Gerald White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Gerald asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the February 13, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Robert Harris made a motion to approve. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.

Public Comment as Necessary

There were public comments allowed in accordance with the attached sign-in sheet. Four (4) Union County residents spoke to the Board for five (5) minutes each on the topic of fluoridation.

Approval of State Line Tank Bid

Bids for the State Line 1.0 MG Elevated Tank project were received on March 6, 2024. Both Fluted-Column and Composite style tanks were bid. Only one (1) bid was received for the Fluted-Column tank and three (3) bids were received on the Composite tanks. The low bid for a Composite tank was received from Caldwell Tank, Inc. in the amount of \$4,705,000. This is within 5% of the budgeted amount in the Capital Improvement Plan. Caldwell Tank, Inc. has previously constructed the Indian Land Fluted-Column elevated tank adjacent to Doby's Bridge Road. MBD Consulting Engineers, P.A. recommended Caldwell as the low responsive, responsible bidder.

Robert Harris made a motion to approve the low bid submitted by Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$4,705,000. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval to Submit Dupont and 3M Claims Forms

Brad turned the meeting over to Jim to explain the Dupont and 3M Class Action lawsuits related to settlements between these respective PFAS generators and existing public water systems.

Brad added there would be little effort in producing the claims and there was an opportunity to collect money which could be used towards future plant upgrades associated with changes in PFAS treatment requirements. Union County intends to do the same. The actions of other similar public water systems in the region is mixed. Staff recommends submitting the claims.

Robert Barr made a motion to authorize management and legal counsel to submit claims forms for the Dupont and 3M Public Water System settlements. Robert Harris seconded. All approved.

Approval of Short Form Engineering Agreement

An Engineering Agreement with Keck & Wood Engineering is requested by staff in the amount of \$132,000 for the Catawba Ridge Re-Pump Station Upgrade. The scope of this upgrade will include an oversized wetwell to provide extended storage for future growth. The improvements will be development-driven; however, on complex infrastructure it is recommended for the District to execute the design and permitting in advance so there are no delays and staff is involved in the design analysis. The scope includes surveying, design, bidding, construction services and permitting.

Larry Hammond made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement for Keck and Wood to design Catawba Ridge Re-Pump Station in the amount of \$132,000. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval of Engagement Letter with Wildlands Engineering for Riparian Buffer Evaluation Services

In February, 2023, LCWSD approved a Riparian Buffer Policy along the Catawba River. Riparian buffers have been identified as an effective tool for controlling watershed nutrients. This riparian protection is necessary to assist LCWSD in current and future compliance with regulatory treatment limits.

In September 2023, True Homes requested a variance to LCWSD's buffer policy to provide flexibility to planning their lake communities. They have the potential to provide added benefits to source water protection by offering to implement buffers and stormwater management practices in previously permitted phases in exchange for concessions on other phases. Staff would like to utilize the services of Wildlands Engineering as a consultant to help evaluate the merits of requests from True Homes.

Doc Steele made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter with Wildlands Engineering in the amount of \$28,936. Robert Harris seconded. All approved.

Project Updates

Brad turned the meeting over to Wes Carter who gave a summary of water and sewer projects. This was for information only.

Executive Session

Robert Barr made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to receive legal advice on Pending Litigation, Contractual Agreement and/or Personnel Issue as identified below. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

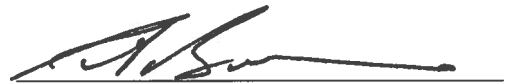
- CRWSP Treatment Discussion – Fluoridation

Robert Barr made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Robert Harris made a motion to recommend that CRWSP continue feeding fluoride and to authorize management to place a statement on the website. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

Larry Hammond made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.



Robert Barr, Secretary

