

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 pm, on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

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

Members Absent: Mike Williams

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

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

Public Comment as Necessary

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Gerald asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the January 14, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes. There were none. Robert Harris made a motion to approve the January minutes. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

Six (6) Month Finance Update

Brad turned the meeting over to Kerri Mackey, Finance Director, to provide a six (6) month update on the current fiscal year finances. Kerri reviewed the revenues and expenditures along with various project funding and developer donated systems. There was general discussion.

This discussion was provided for information only.

Lake Wateree Algae Discussion

Brad introduced the Lancaster County Water & Sewer District Board to the existing algae problems in the Catawba River system, including Lake Wateree. He discussed the treatment programs currently in place at Lake Norman, Mt Island Lake, and Lake Wylie. Brad identified an algae plan to be implemented at Lake Wateree. Some photos of the algae and potential treatment alternatives and budget costs were discussed. Brad also indicated an interest in Lancaster County Water & Sewer District participating financially in a collaborative effort to treat the River system as a method to help prevent algal blooms.

This was for informational purposes only.

Approval of Sewer Capacity Fee Discount

Brad stated the permit to operate has recently been received for a project along Bear Creek. The project is intended to help eliminate failing septic tanks. In July 2022 the Board provided an exception to increases in sewer capacity fees, allowing the previous fee of \$1,350 to remain temporarily. The sewer capacity fee is now \$4,200. There were thirty-five (35) potential customers associated with the most recent construction. Fifteen (15) of them have made payments. Of the remaining 20 who did not pay or take advantage of the phase-in fee, some have recently requested hardship exceptions to the deadline.

The permit to operate was issued at the first of the year. A stated goal is still to eliminate failing septic tanks. Capacity fees have gone up from \$1,350 to \$4,200 since the start of the project. The permit to operate makes tying on an option now. The LCWSD Board has recently given a 10% discount to encourage residents to connect. A larger discount may be evaluated since the fees have gone up considerably since the communications in July 2022. However, even with the larger discount applied to those who connect now, the fifteen customers who accepted the opportunity initially paid a lesser amount to connect than those who failed to do so.

Robert Harris made a motion to approve a 30% capacity fee discount to residents adjacent to the aforementioned project to encourage connections and the elimination of failing septic tanks. This opportunity shall be available for 90 days. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice on Pending Litigation, Contractual Agreement and/or Personnel Issue

- CRWSP Treatment Discussion

Larry Hammond made a motion to go into executive session at 7:29 pm. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.

Robert Harris made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:42 pm.

Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

No action was taken in executive session.

Adjourn

RJ Clyburn made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.



Robert L. Barr, Secretary