

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Commission of the Combined Utility System
held at the office of the Combined Utility
System on Monday, September 11, 2023.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Andy Sevic, General Manager; Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant, Tripp Martin, Finance Manager, and Alex Dye, Operations Engineer. Also present were residents from the Brown Drive – Sheriff Mill Road area and Rick Tate.

The minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2023, were read. A motion was made by Eric Goodwin with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion was unanimous.

August invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle. The sales report and financial report for the month of August were reviewed. Electric sales were 1.35% above budget, water sales were below budget by 5.89% and sewer sales were below budget by 1.64%. These reports were taken as information only.

Area resident Dawn Crooks appeared before the commission to voice her concerns about property development around her neighborhood, specifically on Brown Drive. Ms. Crooks asked the commission to reevaluate serving the county with sewer service and focus on serving the citizens of the City of Easley. The commission took the comments under advisement.

Resolution 2023-05 was presented to the Commission for approval. Easley Combined Utilities is a member city of Piedmont Municipal Power Agency and is entitled to appoint a Director and an alternate Director to PMPA's Board of Directors. The resolution appoints Eric Goodwin as the alternate Director where he shall serve until ECU determines otherwise. Jeff Fogle made a motion to adopt the resolution. Nick Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was unanimous. It is attached to and incorporated with these minutes.

The commission was presented with Resolution 2023-06 acknowledging ECU's commitment to a safe and healthy workplace. This resolution promotes safety in the organization, and assists ECU in reaching its objectives on the SCMIT Risk Guideline Report Card. Jeff Fogle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06 with a second by Eric Goodwin. The motion was unanimous. The resolution is attached to and incorporated with these minutes.

The commission was presented with Resolution 2023-07 proclaiming Public Utility Week, October 2-6, 2023. It is an opportunity to show customers that public utilities are in a position to provide reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity, water, and sewer and is committed to ensuring the best possible service at not-for-profit rates. Jeff Fogle made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Eric Goodwin. The motion was unanimous. It is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

In other business:

1. Per Rick Tate, a request was made to consider changing the day the monthly commission meeting is held, since it occurs on the same day and time as City Council meetings. In addition, Mr. Tate suggested putting the minutes of the commission meeting on our website.
2. The commission was given the dates of the next few PMPA annual conferences.
3. The watershed management report was reviewed. The full report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

The commission entered executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. The Commission returned to public session with no action being taken in executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023.



Nick Caldwell, Chairman



Eric Goodwin, Commissioner



Jeff B. Fogle, Commissioner