

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, March 17, 2025.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Andy Sevic, General Manager, Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant, and Tripp Martin, Finance Manager. Also present was Chris Rasco with Powdersville Water, Rick Tate, and representatives from Cedarwood Development.

The minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2025, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nick Caldwell, with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously.

February invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle. The sales report and financial report for the month of February were reviewed. Electric sales were 13.07% above budget. Water and sewer sales were above budget by 9.08% and 3.58% respectfully. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was presented with a request from Cedarwood Development for sewer service outside the city limits. The parcel is located at 4215 Calhoun Memorial Highway. The proposed development is Ridge at Perry Bend, Phase 3, and consists of multi-family units. Sewer would discharge into the Georges Creek ReWa facility with an allocated flow of 59,400 gpd. Eric Goodwin made a motion to approve sewer service for the proposed development with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion is contingent upon final plans and specifications submitted within a year from land use approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission was presented with a request from Prisma Health for sewer service outside the city limits. The parcel is located on Highway 153 and Old Easley Bridge Road. The proposed plan is for a behavioral health inpatient facility. Sewer would discharge into the Georges Creek ReWa facility with an allocated flow of 20,792 gpd. Jeff Fogle made a motion to approve sewer service for the proposed facility with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion is contingent upon final plans and specifications submitted within a year from land use approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission was presented with consideration of a Flow Advancing Agreement for Middle Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant (MBWWTP). South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) understands that WWTP facilities are large capital investments for utilities and are often over-built based on theoretical flow rates verses actual flow rates. If a utility has a plan (approved Preliminary Engineering Report) for expansion, has future discharge limits established, and can maintain effluent quality that does not violate the permit, SCDES will allow the utility to enter into an agreement to discharge beyond their current permitted limits. ECU meets these requirements, making us a candidate for a Flow Advancing Agreement for the MBWWTP. Nick Caldwell made a motion to enter a Flow Advancing Agreement with SCDES for the MBWWTP with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously. The agreement is attached to and incorporated with these minutes.

The commission was presented with results from the customer survey and employee survey both performed by Seeker. The customer survey covered satisfaction, expectations and performance, customer service, interaction and tools, and allowed for comments and suggestions. The employee survey covered engagement, insights, benefits and pay, job satisfaction, and fun at ECU. Both surveys highlighted areas that we excel in and have room for improvement. This item was taken as information only.

In other business:

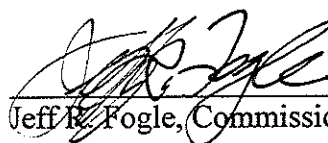
1. The watershed management report was reviewed. The full watershed report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.
2. Disaster recovery assistance from FEMA continues to be ongoing.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2025.



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Eric Goodwin, Chairman



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Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner



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Nick Caldwell, Commissioner