

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 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Joel Ledbetter, General Manager; Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant, Andy Sevic, Finance Manager; and Alex Dye, Operations Engineer.

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2023 were read. A motion was made by Eric Goodwin to adopt these minutes with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion was unanimous.

February invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle. The sales report and financial report for the month of February were reviewed. Electric sales were 1.5% below budget, water sales were above budget 10.1% and sewer sales were above budget at 2.5%. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was presented with a request for sewer service. Toyota of Easley requested sewer service to its new location at the intersection of Powdersville Road and Highway 153. The developer will extend a gravity line from the parcel to Buxton Subdivision that is currently under construction on Powdersville Road. Jeff Fogle made a motion to approve sewer service to the new Toyota of Easley with a second by Eric Goodwin. The motion was unanimous.

The commission was presented with a request from River Street Partners for sewer service to TMS Nos. 5140-17-00-6711, 5140-17-11-0294, 5140-17-10-5311 located at the intersection of Saluda Dam Road and Kay Drive. Service would flow to the Georges Creek Outfall Line when constructed. The Pickens County Planning Commission approved the 228 residential development in November 2022. If approved by ECU, River Street Partners will be responsible for getting a capacity commitment letter from ReWa. Jeff Fogle made a motion to approve sewer service to the parcel with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion was unanimous.

In other business:

1. The watershed management report was reviewed. Items in the report include the North Saluda Stream Restoration project, Pickens County UDSO, and land conservation. The full report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.
2. An inquiry was made as to what benefits Windham Subdivision would receive should it be annexed into the City, specifically sewer. An estimate was prepared by staff for construction cost of sewer main installation throughout the subdivision to Brushy Creek Sewer Trunk Main behind Hamilton Park subdivision which was \$2.0 million.
3. The DOT is requiring a portion of water infrastructure to be relocated on Crestview Road due to conflicts with the storm sewer system and construction of the traffic circle at Sheffield and Crestview Roads. Estimated cost is \$150,000
4. Four EHS seniors and one Christ Church Episcopal School (CCES) senior were awarded with the 2023 Energy Audit Scholarship. EHS recipients were Todd Williams, David Dye, Alexandra Mantekas, and Tristan Rosemond. CCES recipient was Jay Lusk. Eric Goodwin will present EHS recipients with a \$500 check at the school's awards night.

5. RIA was given \$900M for the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) from the state's share of ARPA funding. ECU applied for \$10M for the Georges Creek Sewer Trunk Line. RIA is expecting to receive \$580 million in additional ARPA funds to disperse. Announcement of grant recipients was expected by the end of the first quarter of 2023. With the expected additional funds, grant recipient announcements are delayed. The expenditure deadline is December 31, 2026.
6. Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) for the Georges Creek Outfall project was ordered and will cost approximately \$350,000.

The commission entered into executive session to discuss legal issues. The Commission returned to public session with no action being taken in executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023.



Nick Caldwell, Chairman



Eric Goodwin, Commissioner



Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner