

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, May 13, 2024.

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.

The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2024, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jeff Fogle with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

March invoices were reviewed by Eric Goodwin. April invoices were reviewed by Nick Caldwell. The sales report and financial report for the months of March and April were reviewed. For the month of March, electric sales were 6.11% below budget. Water and sewer sales were below budget by 1.98% and 5.06% respectively. For the month of April, electric and water sales were above budget by .03% and .90% respectively. Sewer sales were 3.28% below budget. These reports were taken as information only.

ECU received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financers Officers Association (GFOA) for the twelfth consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. The commission commended staff for this accomplishment.

The commission was presented with a preliminary engineering proposal from Ardurra for the major interceptor sewer replacement program. The proposal includes three major sewer infrastructure improvements as identified in the Sewer Master Plan: Eighteen Mile Creek Replacement Project, Brushy Creek Replacement Project, and Middle Branch Replacement Project. These projects have been combined to better position ECU for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The total cost for the preliminary design phase is \$247,700. If authorized, Ardurra will submit the professional engineering report and 30% design report by early 2025. Nick Caldwell made a motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the proposal with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business:

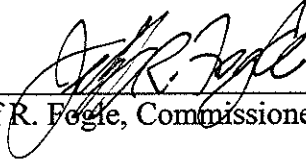
1. The watershed management report was reviewed. The full report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.
2. The latest water sampling results show no detection of PFAS at the Don L Moore WTP.
3. PMPA Settlement Agreement was finalized.
4. ECU officially applied for federal monies for the Georges Creek WWTP Expansion. The requested amount was \$10 million.
5. Watershed management – The House recently passed state appropriations for stream bank restoration in the amount of \$2.2 million.

Jeff Fogle made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. Nick Caldwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The commission returned to public session with no action being taken in executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024.



Eric Goodwin, Chairman



Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner



Nick Caldwell, Commissioner