

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, August 12, 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. Also present were David Phillips with Greene Finney Cauley, LLP, Robin Gore with Powdersville Water District, Attorney Les Hendricks, resident Carol Johnson, and representatives for the proposed Agave Towns project.

The minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2024, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nick Caldwell, with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously.

July invoices were reviewed by Nick Caldwell. The sales report and financial report for the month of July were reviewed. For the month of July electric sales were 7.87% above budget. Water and sewer sales were above budget by 8.58% and 7.84% respectively. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was presented with an appeal of an amended request for sewer service outside city limits. The property is located at 2710 Brushy Creek Road. In 2020, the commission approved treatment of a proposed subdivision at 12,600 GPD. In March 2024, a request was made for an additional 14,100 GPD totaling 26,700 GPD. The commission denied the request for the additional amount. Les Hendricks, attorney for the developer of Agave Towns, spoke on behalf of the developer who is willing to reduce the additional request of 14,100 GPD to 10,100 GPD bringing the total new requested capacity to 23,100 GPD. The commission listened to all information provided, but did not consider the appeal request.

The commission was presented with the FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). David Phillips with Greene Finney LLP reported that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Utility as of March 31, 2023 and 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. and rendered an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of ECU. Jeff Fogle made a motion to accept the FY 2024 ACFR as presented, with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Phillips commended ECU staff for a job well done. The ACFR is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

In other business:

1. The watershed management report was reviewed. Naturaland Trust secured a purchase option to buy property for Phase II of the North Saluda Land Conservation project. They are seeking a contribution of \$100,000 from ECU to go towards funds to purchase the property. Eric Goodwin made a motion to make a \$100,000 contribution as part of the fiscal year funding allocated for watershed conservation to Naturaland Trust, with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously. The full watershed report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

Jeff Fogle made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel, contractual and legal issues. 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, September 9, 2024.



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Eric Goodwin, Chairman



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Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner



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Nick Caldwell, Commissioner