

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, July 10, 2023.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Andy Sevic, General Manager; Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant, and Alex Dye, Operations Engineer. Robin Gore with Powdersville Water District, and area residents Rick Tate, Laura Hinty, and ~~Gray~~ Berryhill were also in attendance.

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The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2023, were read. A motion was made by Eric Goodwin to adopt these minutes with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion was unanimous.

May invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle and June invoices were reviewed by Eric Goodwin. The sales report and financial report for the months of May and June were reviewed. For the month of May, electric sales were .27% below budget, water sales were below budget 7.7% and sewer sales were below budget by 7.66%. For the month of June, electric sales were below budget 5.42%, water sales were below budget 6.6% and sewer sales were 2.82%. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was presented with Resolution 2023-03 which authorizes the General Manager to execute and deliver on behalf of Easley Combined Utilities a membership agreement between ECU and the South Carolina Association of Municipal Power Systems (SCAMPS) and, approve the execution and delivery of a services agreement between the Municipal Association of South Carolina and SCAMPS. Eric Goodwin made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion was unanimous. Resolution 2023-03 is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

The commission was presented with a request for sewer service outside the city limits. The parcel, located at 4215 Calhoun Memorial Highway, is 19.46 acres. The proposed development is Ridge at Perry Bend, Phase 3, and would consist of 288 multi-family units. Sewer would discharge into the Georges Creek ReWa facility with an estimated flow of 59,050 gpd. Prior to receiving this request, ReWa reached out to ECU staff to request a meeting to review the Georges Creek Capacity Contract between the two parties. The commission decided to table this request pending further discussion with ReWa.

The commission was presented with an update on flow inventory for Golden Creek WWTP. In October 2022, ECU submitted a request to SCDHEC for a load adjustment to 150,000 gallons per day (gpd) at Golden Creek WWTP. The request was approved. The adjustment added back capacity from Falcon Industries and McKechnie Plastic. In addition, a flow adjustment of 153,375 gpd was added back leaving a remaining capacity of 430,000 gpd. SCDHEC also reviewed the residential contributory loading over a three-year period and found the average residential water usage was 135 gallons per day per residence. Therefore, they reduced the residential unit contributory loading from 300 gpd to 150 gpd per residence. The reduction will be effective for all future projects within the Golden Creek WWTP collection system. This item was taken as information only.

The commission was presented with the Georges Creek Trunk Sewer Line bid tabulation. Four bids were received as shown below.

Don Moorehead Construction, Inc.	\$10,218,693.00
Chandler Construction Services, Inc.	\$11,786,054.00
Reeves Young, LLC	\$12,966,477.50
McClam & Associates, Inc	\$16,873,445.00

KCI Engineers reviewed all bids and found each to be responsible and responsive. Based on the apparent low bidder, Jeff Fogle made a motion to award the project to Don

Moorehead Construction, LLC with a second by Eric Goodwin. The motion was unanimous.

ECU received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financers Officers Association. This is the eleventh consecutive year ECU has received this award. The commission commended General Manager, Andy Sevic, for this accomplishment.

The commission was presented with a new electric policy for approval. Due to the lead time in transformers, a developer has requested the ability to source their own transformers. Staff recommended establishing a Developer Provided Transformer Policy to maintain safety and reliability standards. The policy states that all transformers must meet ECU specifications and must be evaluated by electric superintendent, general manager, and the Commission. Jeff Fogle made a motion to adopt the policy with a second by Eric Goodwin. The motion was unanimous. The policy is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.

In other business:

1. Nick Caldwell signed the SCIIP Grant Authorized Signors document.
2. Belton Zeiglar, attorney at law, was hired collectively by ECU and 5 other cities to assist with legal matters in regards to Supplemental Power issues. Mr. Zeiglar is with Womble Bond Dickinson.
3. ECU needs an alternate member to be on the PMPA Board of Directors. There was a brief discussion about a commissioner filling the vacancy. Item was tabled pending further discussion.
4. ECU will meet with the City of Easley on September 7th. The City is looking to ECU to house an emergency antenna.
5. 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, August 14, 2023.



Nick Caldwell, Chairman



Eric Goodwin, Commissioner



Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner