

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, October 14th, 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 Alfred Stanley, Communication/Control Engineer. Also present were Kyle Stanley, and residents Walker Bousman, Chris Clark, and Butch Womack.

The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2024, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nick Caldwell, with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously.

September invoices were reviewed by Eric Goodwin. The sales report and financial report for the month of September were reviewed. For the month of September, electric sales were 1.97% above budget. Water and sewer sales were above budget by 10.69% and 11.19% respectively. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was presented with a status report on Hurricane Helene and its effects on ECU's system. Helene caused 92% of the electric system to be down and cost an estimated \$2M in damages. ECU hopes to recover that cost from FEMA and is working with specialists to gather all the necessary information required for disaster assistance. Below are several numbers associated with the storm:

- 75 damaged transformers.
- 91 damaged utility poles.
- 8 mutual aid crews from Alabama, Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, and Orangeburg, SC.
- 3,000 hours of overtime in one week.

There were numerous outside businesses and individuals who provided their assistance and/or services to aide in whatever way possible. Two employees, Jonathan Langston and Ginnye Lusk, showed exceptional dedication during restoration efforts and are to be commended. However, the entire organization came together and helped one another in restoring services to ECU customers. This item was taken as information only.

ECU customer Walker Bousman addressed the commission and commended staff on a job well done during Hurricane Helene.

In other business:

1. ECU has contracted with Seeker Solutions for marketing and public relations needs.
2. The watershed management report was reviewed. The full watershed report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.
3. The Catawba Contract renewal will not require the City's approval. ECU will continue to keep the City informed.

There were no items for executive session.


The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024.



Eric Goodwin, Chairman



Jeff R. Eogle, Commissioner



Nick Caldwell, Commissioner