

The regular Commission meeting of the SJWD Water District was held at 307 Spartanburg Highway, Wellford, South Carolina with the following present:

**Commissioners:** *Buddy Carlton, Wanda Fowler, Brian Leonard, Frank Nutt, and Barry Frost.*

**Staff:** *Kim Fortner, Billy Cothran, Larry Christopher, Julie Gillespie, Josh Fulmer, Corey Bennett, Lisa Hart, Tommy Staton, and Jeff Diaz .*

**Guests:** *Brad Love from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, John B. White, Jr. from John B. White, Jr. Law Firm, and Scott Talley from Talley Law Firm. Jared Phillips, Lynn Cannada, Bill Edge, Jimmy Cannada, and Karen Koon representing residents of Berry's Pond.*

The agenda for the meeting was emailed to WSPA TV and the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* and posted in the lobby and on SJWD's website.

Buddy Carlton called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

#### **RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Buddy Carlton opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jared Phillips resides at 148 Berry's Pond Drive. He has been a resident there for 4 years. Mr. Phillips came representing himself and other property owners present at the meeting. They are concerned about the increasing sediment and vegetation growth making access to the main body of water difficult. Mr. Phillips presented a binder with photographs to support their claims. The residents request SJWD consider harvesting the vegetation with the Harvester and dredging the lake. Chairperson Buddy Carlton said the commission and staff would review the information and get back in touch with the residents to let them know if SJWD can do anything.

#### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 20,2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

#### **UPDATE/STATUS: MONTHLY FINANCIAL AND OPEN CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

Staff provided the monthly financials and capital projects report to the commission for June 2023.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR KEN'S CROSSING**

Billy Cothran presented a request from Ken's Crossing to be annexed into SJWD's taxing district. The property is contiguous with the SJWD taxing boundary, and the property owner wishes to annex the parcel inside the District.

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the annexation request for Ken's Crossing. The motion was approved.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY CESA PROPERTY**

Billy Cothran presented a request from Spartanburg County to be annexed into SJWD's taxing district. The property is divided by the SJWD taxing boundary, and the property owner wishes to annex the entire parcel inside the District.

Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the annexation request by Spartanburg County. The motion was approved.

**APPROVE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RESOLUTION**

Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to approve the amended Revenue Bond Resolution to include closing costs. The motion was approved.

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to add an agenda item (Executive Session to Discuss a Legal Matter) after #7 (Approve General Obligation Bond Resolution) and adjust the remainder of the agenda accordingly. The motion was approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:00 a.m., Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was approved.

At 11:30 a.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved. No action was taken in Executive Session.

**WATER RATE DISCUSSION**

Billy Cothran presented rate comparisons to other area utilities and some proposed modifications to SJWD's rates. He asked the Commission to think about any questions they may have or modifications they may like to see in the coming months. The goal is to implement a rate change in January 2024. Wanda Fowler asked about the implications of moving to a flat rate for non-residential customers.

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

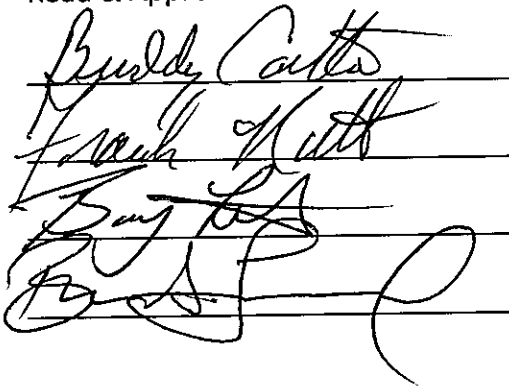
Billy updated the commission on the following items:

- Purchase of the Upward Property
- Treatment of Lyman Lake by DNR

At 1:01 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Wanda Fowler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved



Wanda Fowler  
Secretary

