

## **TYGER LOOP TRAIL DISCUSSION**

Ned Barrett with Partners for Active Living(PAL) presented a plan for a 13-mile loop in the Startex, Lyman, and Duncan areas. This paved 10-foot-wide trail would help to continue the health initiative of playing, being more active, and living an overall healthier lifestyle. PAL is currently in the early stages of property acquisition for this trail through 20ft-25ft easements.

## **WATER RATE DISCUSSION**

Billy Cothran presented the option of moving to a flat rate for the Commissioners to continue the water rate discussion while considering SJWD's efforts to remain competitive relative to economic development, keep rates affordable, and recover full cost of operational expenses. The Commission asked Billy to have Willdan Financial Services examine the impact of moving to a flat volumetric rate.

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to move agenda item #11(Miscellaneous Administrative Matters) before item #9(Executive Session to Discuss Main Office Property) and adjust the remainder of the agenda accordingly. The motion was approved.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Eddie Tallon is working on finalizing details of funding of \$7 million from state legislature.
- August 31, 2023 – Labor Day Luncheon
- Lisa Hart was introduced to the Commission as the new Human Resource Manager.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MAIN OFFICE PROPERTY**

At 11:26 a.m., Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to enter Executive Session. The motion was approved.

At 12:16 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

## **ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to accept the non-binding terms of the property sale discussed in executive session. The motion was approved.

At 12:17 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

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, and Tommy Staton .*

**Guests:** *Eddie Tallon* from The Tallon Group. *Kenny Theaker* and *Sara Miller* representing residents of Berry's Pond. *Ned Barrett* and *Leith Mcloud* from Partners for Active Living.

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. There was none.

#### **APPROVAL OF JULY 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 special 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 July 2023.

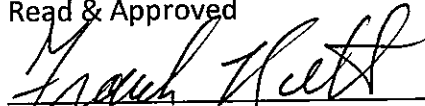
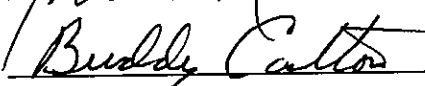
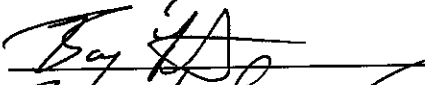

#### **DISCUSS/APPROVE ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR BAKER GROVE**

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

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to approve the annexation request for Baker Grove. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler  
Secretary

