

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, and Lisa Hart.*

Guests: *Eddie Tallon and Kathryn Richardson from The Tallon Group. Rob Tiro from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd.*

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 10:34 a.m.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Buddy Carlton opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 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 August 2023.

WATER RATE DISCUSSION

Billy Cothran presented results by Willdan Financial Services of how a flat volumetric rate structure would impact customer bills (per Wanda Fowler's request during last month's discussions). Their analysis showed that moving to a flat volumetric rate had a greater impact on the customer bills than the previously discussed rate modification recommendations. Billy recommended that the flat rate structure not be approved this year but should be reconsidered in future years.

Considering SJWD's rate setting goals of remaining competitive relative to economic development while keeping rates affordable and recovering the full cost of operational expenses, Billy recommended that the commission approve the implementation of the previously discussed varying volumetric rate modifications.

Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to approve the new water rate schedule which will take effect January 1, 2024. The motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Billy Cothran gave an update on sediment concerns by residents of Berry's Pond. At this time, SJWD is not able to find an effective option for removing the sediment in a timely and cost-conscious manner. SJWD will make efforts to use the harvester at Berry's Pond in the future and request the pond be placed on SC DNRs watershed management plan for vegetation treatment cost sharing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF PROPERTY

At 11:32 a.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to enter Executive Session. The motion was approved.

At 12:19 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

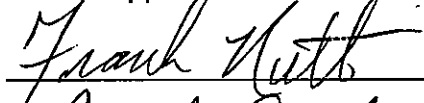

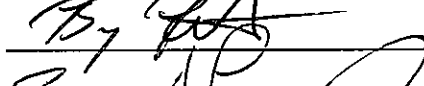
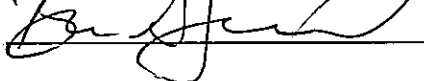
ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the resolution presented in executive session for the purchase of property at 198 White Star Point, Spartanburg. The motion was approved. Brian Leonard abstained from the vote.

At 12:20 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler
Secretary

