

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POLK COUNTY WATER, SEWAGE, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE AUTHORITY.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Grady McCrickard, Chairman
Dr. Neeve Owen, Vice Chair
Chuck Thaxton
Mike Lester
Mary Miller
James Gladden

ALSO, PRESENT WERE:

Vickey Atkins, Attorney

AND:

Ryan Prince, General Manager
Ashley Guthrie, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00pm

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mike Lester led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the agenda with Executive Session to be held concerning Real Estate; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the minutes for April (no meeting held in May); seconded by Mr. Mike Lester. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Ryan Prince presented a positive review of the Financial Statements. Mr. Chuck Thaxton requested that in the future, RL Jennings and Associates make a third column on the financial statements to show previous month, present month, and YTD.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Mike Lester to approve the financial statements; seconded by Ms. Mary Miller. Motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ryan Prince informed the Board that he will be moving forward with the rate increase that was voted on and approved at the March meeting. Mr. Prince reminded the Board of the main line extension discussion concerning an area on Yarbrough Rd. This area would require Polk County Water to cross over into Bartow County with approximately 2,000 ft of 6-inch water line. As of right now, there are three meters that would be tapping into the main line extension with the cost of this project to be paid for by the customers to which water will be supplied. Bartow County has declined running an extension to these customers. Mr. Prince suggested that Polk County Water take on this project and collect water revenue. Mr. Chuck Thaxton asked Mr. Prince if this extension would have any negative effect on current PCWA customers and their water supply/pressure/etc., Mr. Prince said that there would not be a negative effect on current water customers. Mr. Chuck Thaxton made a motion to approve the main line extension; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Prince provided the Board with information concerning the emergency well on Cave Spring Rd. This well is only considered as an emergency well and hasn't been used in many years. The EPD is now requiring all emergency wells to have a yearly Nitrate sample taken. Mr. Prince explained the steps that he would be taking to keep the well on a permit and take annual samples from the well.

Mr. Prince informed the Board that the raw pump at Deaton Springs had to be pulled and is being sent off for testing to determine what is wrong with it. The new pump that was recently purchased is now being used in place of the malfunctioning pump.

Mr. Prince suggested that if a customer owns property on a state highway and requests water service that requires long side boring, the cost of the boring plus the meter be paid for by the customer. Currently, it costs Polk County Water \$35.00 per ft which can be very costly. The Board discussed several ideas, questions, and concerns. It was requested that the Board be provided with surrounding county's meter tap fees and how state highway boring situations and costs are handled in those counties.

Mr. Prince updated the Board with information on the bridge work at Lake Dorene. Polk County Water would be required to bore under the bridge to remove the water line that is attached to the bridge. The PCWA engineer, Ronnie Wood is checking to see if the Authority would be eligible to receive money from the DOT to help cover the cost of boring. The cost of this is unknown at this time.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

American Tank Maintenance company have been doing a wonderful job with tank cleaning, painting, and maintenance.

The front office has hired a new customer service employee to operate the drive-through.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mary Miller and James Gladden – no reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Neeve Owen and Mike Lester – no reports.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Chuck Thaxton and Mike Lester – no reports.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

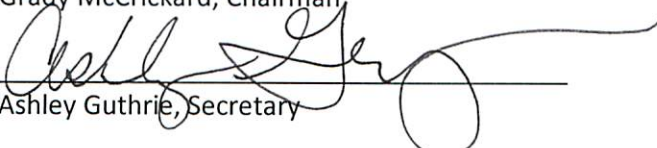
Mr. Mike Lester suggested that the finance committee meet before meetings to clarify and discuss financials so that when the meeting is in session, they have a better understanding of the financial position of the Authority. The Board unanimously agreed.

A motion was made by Ms. Mary Miller to go into executive session to discuss Real Estate; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester. Motion was approved unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, A motion was made by Mr. Mike Lester to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton. Motion was approved unanimously.



Grady McCrickard, Chairman



Ashley Guthrie, Secretary