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MINUTES OF THE
ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM
June 21, 2017

LET THE MINUTES SHOW THAT THE MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Douglas Locke, Broadway; Dyke Spencer, Powdersville; Al Eaves, Sandy Springs; Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Duane Rogers, Big Creek; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson; David Rogers, Town of Williamston; Dennis Chastain, Homeland Park Water; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path; Chuck Cortez, Hammond; Ned McGill, Starr-Iva

ABSENT: Town of Central, Town of Pendleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Willett, ARJWS; Kendall Cleary, ARJWS; Tommy Phillips, Broadway; Jodi Merritt, ARJWS; Megan Posey, ARJWS; Eddie Makison, ARJWS; Alton Boggs, Big Creek; Tony Putman, Clemson University

Chairman Dwight Edwards called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order 11:51 a.m. on June 21, 2017.

Chairman Edwards opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dyke Spencer discussed with the other commissioners and board members that they will be contacted in the future by AIM (Anderson Interfaith Ministries) in regards to donations through a 'bill round up'.

Scott Willett announced that ARJWS has some upcoming retirees. He recognized Ann Gates & Frank Morris for their upcoming retirement notice. Scott also announced that Megan Posey will be leaving ARJWS in June to pursue a teaching position at Crescent High School in the upcoming school year.

There were no public comments.

Jeff Caldwell made a motion to approve the April 19, 2017 minutes and Benjie McGill seconded. Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. FY 2017-18 Annual Budget Final Reading

Mr. Willett opened discussion in regards to the approval of the proposed FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget. The discussion included a decrease in administrative cost, operations cost, maintenance & miscellaneous expense as well as an increase in employee cost due to pension funding levels under new legislation. Mr. Willett recommends approval of the final reading of the proposed FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget. Mr. Willett asked for any comments on the approval. There were no comments. Mr. Al Eaves made a motion to approve the FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget, Benjie McGill seconded. The motion carried.

2. Clemson University Water Rate for FY 2017-2018 Final Reading

Mr. Willett recommends maintaining the water rate for services to Clemson University @ \$1.89 per thousand gallons. Based on recent historic rates of use, a water rate of \$1.89 per thousand gallons will collect the required revenue for normal services. Mr. Willett asked for any comments. There were no comments. Mr. Douglas Locke made a motion to maintain the existing water rate for Clemson University @ \$1.89 per thousand gallons. Mr. Dyke Spencer seconded. The motion carried.

II. Items requiring immediate action

1. FY 2017-2018 Nominations for Board Officers and Executive Committee Members

Mr. Willett stated that ARJWS shall elect Board Officers each year with each member of the Board having 1 (one) vote. FY 2017/2018 Board Officers are: Chairman Dwight Edwards, West Anderson Water District; Vice Chairman Al Eaves, Sandy Springs Water District; Secretary Billy Peele, Starr-Iva Water District. The establishment of an Executive Committee is to provide additional advice and counsel to the Chairman. Executive Committee shall be composed of newly elected Board Officers, the immediate Past Chairman and 2 At-large members. The recommendations for At-large Executive Committee Members are: Dyke Spencer, Powdersville Water District; Benjie McGill, City of Clemson. Mr. Willett asked for any comments on elected officials, there were no comments. Mr. Jeff Caldwell made a motion to nominate the listed Board Officers and At-large Members. Mr. Benjie McGill made a second. The motion carried.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. Executive Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Willett announced that he had recently met with Anderson County's new Emergency Preparedness officials and offered to participate in an emergency drill in the community. Mr. Willett also stated that the Corps reallocation contract is up for renewal. This renewal is ongoing and has not yet been finalized. Mr. Willett informed the Board that easements are in place and have been renewed for all three sites which are Lake Hartwell Treatment Plant, SAWS and Pioneer. Mr. Willett also announced that First Quality will be adding a 4th pump which will increase reliable flow.

IV. Informational Reports

1. Financial Reports

2. Administration Report

3. Operations and Maintenance Report

4. Engineering Report

These reports are for information and for each member to review as written. A copy of each report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

V. Closed Executive Session

1. Personnel: Executive Director Performance Appraisal

As stated by Chairman Dwight Edwards:

A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED PURSUANT TO THE SC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SECTION 30-4-70(a)(1) FOR THE DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Caldwell to enter a closed executive session at 12:50 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Benjie McGill.

A motion was made by Mr. Benjie McGill to exit closed executive session at 1:10 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Al Eaves.

As stated by Chairman Dwight Edwards:

The Board has concluded its Closed Executive Session and per the SC Freedom Act, a motion was made by Mr. Dyke Spencer to accept the Executive Director Performance Appraisal and was seconded by Mr. Chuck Cortez. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business Mr. Dyke Spencer made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. and Mr. Benjie McGill seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Peele
Starr Iva Water District

The next meeting of the Board will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday August 16, 2017.

