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MINUTES OF THE
ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM
April 25, 2018

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; Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Alton Boggs, Big Creek; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson; David Rogers, Town of Williamston; Larry Harrell, Homeland Park Water; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path; Ned McGill, Starr-Iva; Chuck Cortez, Hammond; Al Eaves, Sandy Springs;

ABSENT: Phillip Mishoe, Town of Central; Town of Pendleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Willett, ARJWS; Kendall Cleary, ARJWS; Jodi Merritt, ARJWS; Lisa Evatt, ARJWS; Eddie Makison, ARJWS; Trey Burns, ARJWS; Jennifer Barrington, ARJWS; Bryan Bates, ARJWS; Duane Rogers, Big Creek; Bud Whelchel, Sandy Springs; Patrick Jackson, Starr-Iva

Chairman Dwight Edwards called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order 11:59 a.m. on April 25, 2018.

Chairman Edwards opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Edwards acknowledged Johnny Pickens service to ARJWS. Mr. Willett followed with a moment of silence.

Mr. McGill announced the retirement of Randy Pettigrew and introduced Mr. Jackson as the new manager with Starr-Iva.

Mr. McGill made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes and Mr. Eaves seconded. Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. None

II. Items requiring immediate action

1. None

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. FY 2018-19 Annual Budget (First Reading)

Mrs. Cleary explained the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2018-19. The discussion included an increase in administrative cost due to the purchase and implementation of an asset management program, operations cost decrease due to the ozone plant going in operation, maintenance expense increase due to right-of-way contract and expenses for ozone facility maintenance, employee cost increase due to pension funding levels under new legislation, miscellaneous expenses decrease due to a reduction in the need for lake treatment, and total Capital Costs will increase due to a full year debt service payment. A copy of the budget was provided for each member to review as written. Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed FY 2018-19 Annual Budget. Mr. McGill made a second. The motion carried unanimous.

2. Public Hearing: FY2018-19 Annual Budget

No one from the public was present.

3. Clemson University Water Rate for FY 2018-19 (First Reading)

Mr. Willett recommended decreasing the water rate for service to Clemson University from \$1.89 per thousand gallons to \$1.85 per thousand gallons. Based on recent historic rates of use, a water rate of \$1.85 per thousand gallons will collect the required revenue. Mr. Willett asked for any comments. There were no comments. Mr. Eaves made a motion to decrease the existing water rate for Clemson University to \$1.85 per thousand gallons. Mr. Spencer made a second. The motion carried unanimous.

4. Executive Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Willett stated he had several items to cover for the Executive Director's Report. The first item is that South Carolina State Drought Response Committee announced that the area is no longer in a drought status. The Corps will try to maintain the lake levels due to fish spawning. Another note of business is the SCDNR Water Planning & Assessment Project. The goal is to develop a State Water Plan. Mr. Willett is on the Committee and stated his position is to advocate a balanced approach to the Savannah River Basin. Mr. Willett also encouraged each basin to take charge of their resources. Mr. Willett provided an update on the AWWA Water Utility Council D.C. Fly-In, particularly water infrastructure finance and source water protection. Mr. Willett gave an update that the Relocation Bill # 37-39 has stalled in the House. Lastly, Mr. Willett reminded the Board that Executive Board elections will take place next Board meeting.

IV. Informational Reports

1. Financial Reports
2. Administration Report
3. Operations and Maintenance Report
4. Engineering Report

Mr. Burns provided an update on public outreach, and Adopt-A-Stream. He also shared a video highlighting ARJWS' new ozone project. Mr. Burns reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 27, 2018. Mr. Burns announced that public tours were scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st, Wednesday, May 2nd, and Saturday, May 5th. Mrs. Barrington provided an update on the ozone project. 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. Adjournment

With no further business Mr. Cortez made a motion to adjourn at 1:22 p.m. and Mr. McGill seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Eaves
Acting Secretary

The next meeting of the Board will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2018.