



Your Community-Owned and Operated System

998 Hunters Trail Anderson, SC 29625
Phone: 864-332-6534 Fax: 864-224-6116
www.arjwater.com

MINUTES OF THE
ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM
June 20, 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; Al Eaves, Sandy Springs; Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson; David Rogers, Town of Williamston; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path; Chuck Cortez, Hammond; Patrick Jackson, Starr-Iva; Josh Addis, Town of Central; Larry Harrell, Homeland Park

ABSENT: Big Creek Water District

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Willett, ARJWS; Jodi Merritt, ARJWS; Trey Burns, ARJWS; Caroline Knight, ARJWS; Jennifer Barrington, ARJWS; Bryan Bates, ARJWS; Marty Fiorito, ARJWS; Scott Banks, Clemson University; Keith Malone, Town of Pendleton

Chairman Dwight Edwards called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order 11:58 a.m. on June 20, 2018.

Chairman Edwards opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Willett announced recent staff changes. He asked Ms. Barrington to introduce the newly hired Co-op for ARJWS, Ms. Caroline Knight. Mr. Willett then announced the upcoming retirement of Marty Fiorito. He recognized Marty Fiorito for his performance, commitment, innovative ideas and skills that contributed to the completion of various projects. Chairman Edwards presented Marty with a retirement plaque for his 9 years of service to ARJWS.

Benjie McGill announced the loss of an employee for City of Clemson, Martin Acevedo who tragically died in a boating accident on Lake Hartwell the end of May.

There were no public comments.

Doug Locke made a motion to approve the April 25, 2018 minutes and Benjie McGill seconded. Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

1. FY 2018-19 Annual Budget Second Reading

Mr. Willett opened discussion in regards to the approval of the proposed FY 2018/2019 Annual Budget. The discussion included a 28.2% increase in administrative cost due to the purchase and implementation of an asset management program, a 36.7% increase in maintenance due to external contract for right-of-way contract and additional expenses for maintenance of the ozone facility, a 2.8% increase of employee cost as pension funding levels under new proposed legislation increase, a 4.0% decrease in operations cost for PAC (powder activated carbon) that was previously used for taste and odor mitigation treatment being replaced by Ozone, a 40.0% decrease in miscellaneous expenses due to the reduction in the need for lake treatments with ozone being online. There is also an increase of 16.9% total capital costs that include debt services and R & R. Mr. Willett recommends approval of the final reading of the proposed FY 2018/2019 Annual Budget. Mr. Willett asked for any comments on the approval. There were no comments. Chairman Edwards called for a motion to approve the FY 2018/2019 Annual Budget, Mr. Benjie McGill made a motion, Mr. Dyke Spencer seconded. The motion carried.

2. Clemson University Water Rate for FY 2018-2019 Second Reading

Mr. Willett recommends reducing the water rate for services to Clemson University 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 for normal services. Mr. Willett asked for any comments. There were no comments. Chairman Edwards called for a motion to decrease the existing water rate for Clemson University to \$1.85 per thousand gallons. Mr. Patrick Jackson made a motion. Mr. Doug Locke seconded. The motion carried.

II. Items requiring immediate action

1. FY 2018-2019 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 2018/2019 Board Officers are: Chairman Al Eaves, Sandy Springs Water District; Vice Chairman Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Secretary Dyke Spencer, Powdersville 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: Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson Water District. Mr. Willett noted that the elected will take office on July 1, 2018 and will serve until replaced. Mr. Willett asked for any comments on elected officials, there were no comments. Mr. Willett requested a motion to nominate the listed Board Officers and At-large Members. Mr. Chuck Cortez made a motion, Mr. David Rogers seconded. The motion carried.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. ROW Maintenance Contract

ARJWS received bids from two of the three vendors solicited. The contract amount requires Board approval. ARJWS recommends awarding the right-of-way contract to Strick's Forestry due to they have more specialized equipment and their ability to meet our diverse

needs. Mr. Willett asked for any comments, there were none. Chairman Edwards called for a motion. Mr. Benjie McGill made a motion, Mr. Chuck Cortez seconded. The motion carried.

2. Strategic Plan

Mr. Willett discussed critical objectives that are worthy of focus. These objectives have been reviewed by Executive Committee and senior staff. Mr. Willett recommended adopting the strategic plan as a vision for moving forward. Mr. Dyke Spencer added the comment in addition to adopting the strategic plan, he requested that staff present more detailed reports annually each June. Mr. Dyke Spencer made a motion to adopt the strategic plan. Mr. Patrick Jackson seconded. The motion carried.

3. Source Water Protection/Outreach/Branding

Mr. Trey Burns gave a brief presentation covering Source Water Protection, Public Outreach and Marketing and Branding.

4. State Water Planning

Mr. Willett provided an update on the state water plan. Mr. Willett serves on state committee that works together to bridge the gaps between technical documents and plans for the water system and how it should be managed. The last plan was developed in 2004. The challenge of the committee is to devise a plan that works best for all people and the 8 water basins in South Carolina.

5. Corps Hartwell Reallocation (Water Supply)

Mr. Willett provided an update on the reallocation study. The report was ready to be issued but there was a maintenance report on a dike around Clemson University that surfaced. This needs to be addressed first and the reallocation study will be redone. Mr. Willett also stated that ARJWS will continue to collect revenue from Pioneer Water in the near future.

6. Dixon-Whitehall Relocation

SCDOT is trying to improve roads in Anderson County. The current project that is scheduled to begin April 2019 will require the relocation of a 30" main transmission line that is under the road at the proposed intersection. Not only will this be a costly project, it will have an impact on an estimated 80,000 people. Mr. Willett stated that the project is being pushed back for reconsideration.

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. Benjie McGill to enter a closed executive session at 1:10 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Jeff Caldwell.

A motion was made by Mr. Dyke Spencer to exit closed executive session at 1:25 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Jeff Caldwell.

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. Benjie McGill to accept the Executive Director Performance Appraisal and was seconded by Mr. Dyke Spencer. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business Mr. Dyke Spencer made a motion to adjourn at 1:31 p.m. and Mr. Patrick Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Eaves
Sandy Springs Water District

The next meeting of the Board will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday August 15, 2018.