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MINUTES OF THE
ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM
April 24, 2019

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: Dyke Spencer, Powdersville; Al Eaves, Sandy Springs; Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path; David Rogers, Town of Williamston; Larry Harrell, Homeland Park; Josh Addis, Town of Central; Alton Boggs, Big Creek; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson; Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Tommy Phillips, Broadway

ABSENT: Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Patrick Jackson, Starr-Iva; Keith Malone, Town of Pendleton; Chuck Cortez, Hammond

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Willett, ARJWS; Jodi Merritt, ARJWS; Trey Burns, ARJWS; Kendall Cleary, ARJWS; Eddie Makison, ARJWS; Jennifer Barrington, ARJWS; Lisa Evatt, ARJWS; Bryan Bates, ARJWS; Steve Wilson, West Anderson; Tony Putnam, Clemson University; John Lollis, West Anderson; Patrick Boykin

Chairman Al Eaves called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order 11:53 a.m. on April 24, 2019.

Chairman Eaves opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Eaves asked for any Commissioners comments. Mr. Caldwell notified the Board that the Executive Committee has started the annual evaluation process for the Executive Director. Mr. Caldwell welcomes additional Board members to evaluate if interested. Mr. Eaves introduced Patrick Boykin with Starr-Iva, John Lollis with West Anderson, and Tony Putnam with Clemson University.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes and Mr. Edwards seconded.

Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

None

II. Items requiring immediate action

None

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. FY 2019/20 Budget - First Reading

Mrs. Cleary explained the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2019/20. The discussion included an increase in administrative expenses due to the Corps Purchase Water Agreement changes. The increase was due to the new joint cost expenditure category and accounting method. Operations cost increase in anticipation of significant rate increases in energy costs, maintenance cost increase due to the addition of annual equipment/inventory addition for the ozone facility, employee cost increase as pension funding levels under new proposed legislation increase System employer cost, miscellaneous expenses increased with additional costs for staff training and subscription/dues expenses, professional fees decrease with no new projects and in-house accounting. Mr. Willett asked for any comments, there were none. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed FY 2019/20 Annual Budget. Mr. Rogers seconded. The motion was unanimous.

2. Public Hearing: FY 2019/20 Annual Budget

No one from the public was present.

3. Clemson University Wholesale Rate – FY 2019/20

Mr. Willett recommended increasing the water rate for service to Clemson University from \$1.85 per thousand gallons to \$1.88 per thousand gallons. Computing an average rate from expected total revenue and recent demands results in the increase. Mr. Willett asked for any comments. There were no comments. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to increase the existing water rate for Clemson University to \$1.88 per thousand gallons. Mr. Addis made a second. The motion was unanimous.

4. Leadership Anderson: Tiny Home Project

Mr. Burns shared with the Board a presentation on the Tiny Home Project that Leadership Anderson is completing for their class project.

5. Executive Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Willett provided a brief overview of 3 topics: 1) Corps Purchase Water Agreement 2) legislative update and 3) State Water Planning. Regarding the Corps Purchase Water Agreement, Duke Power originally purchased water through a 50-year contract under standard Pay Capital Cost. Corps has changed its joint cost expenditure category and accounting methods resulting in much higher invoices than originally budgeted. In January, ARJWS received a bill for \$55,000 and is expecting a bill for \$96,000 in 3 years with money going to Corps projects. Mr. Willett has requested documentation for when the new accounting method changed and a 5 year look ahead. Mr. Willett is currently awaiting a response. If no response is received in 2 weeks, Mr. Willett will go through Senator Scott or Senator Graham's office. Mr. Willett gave a legislative update on the Relocation Bill for utility lines. The bill was approved by the Senate last month and goes before the House

April 25, 2019. In regards to State Water Planning, the committee continues to meet regularly to develop a framework for the State Water Plan. The Farm Bureau pulled out and will not support the plan. The framework is on schedule and the draft will be completed early summer.

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. Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adjourn at 1:01 p.m. and Mr. Spencer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dyke Spencer
Powdersville Water District

The next meeting of the Board will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

