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MINUTES OF THE
ANDERSON REGIONAL JOINT WATER SYSTEM
June 19, 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; Bud Whitchel, Sandy Springs; David Rogers, Town of Williamston; Douglas Locke, Homeland Park; Dwight Edwards, West Anderson; Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson; Tommy Phillips, Broadway; Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Patrick Jackson, Starr-Iva; Chuck Cortez, Hammond; Keith Malone, Town of Pendleton

ABSENT: Mitch Ellenburg, Belton-Honea Path; Josh Addis, Town of Central; Alton Boggs, Big Creek

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Willett, ARJWS; Jodi Merritt, ARJWS; Trey Burns, ARJWS; Eddie Makison, ARJWS; Jennifer Barrington, ARJWS; Lisa Evatt, ARJWS; Bryan Bates, ARJWS; Tony Putnam, Clemson University; Scott Banks, Clemson University

Vice Chairman Benjie McGill called the Board meeting of Anderson Regional Joint Water System to order 11:59 a.m. on June 19, 2019.

Vice Chairman McGill opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman McGill asked for any Commissioners comments. Mr. McGill congratulated Al Eaves on his retirement. Mr. McGill presented Eddie Makison with a retirement plaque for his 36 years of combine service to ARJWS and Duke Power.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the April 24, 2019 minutes and Mr. Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

I. Consent Calendar (Old Business)

None

II. Items requiring immediate action

1. FY 2019/20 Board Officer Elections

Mr. Willett stated that ARJWS shall elect Board Officers each year with each member of the Board having 1 (one) vote. The Nominating Committee has made the recommendations for FY 2019/20 Board Officers: Chairman Benjie McGill, City of Clemson; Vice Chairman Dyke Spencer, Powdersville Water District; Secretary Jeff Caldwell, City of Anderson. The establishment of an Executive Committee is to provide additional advice and counsel to the Chairman. The recommendations for At-large Executive Committee member is Patrick Jackson, Starr-Iva Water District. Mr. Willett noted that the elected will take office on July 1, 2019, and will serve until replaced. Mr. Willett asked for any comments on elected officials, there were no comments. Mr. McGill requested a motion to nominate the listed Board Officers. Mr. Caldwell made a motion, Mr. Cortez seconded. The motion carried. Mr. McGill requested a motion to nominate the listed At-large member. Mr. Cortez made a motion, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion carried.

III. Discussion (New Business)

1. FY 2019/20 Annual Budget Second Reading

Mr. Willett proposed the annual budget for fiscal year 2019/20 with no changes since first reading. He discussed the increase in operations cost was due to 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. Caldwell made a motion to approve the second reading of the proposed FY 2019/20 Annual Budget. Mr. Edwards seconded. The motion was unanimous.

2. Clemson University Wholesale Rate – FY 2019/20 Second Reading

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. Jackson made a motion to approve the second reading of the proposed water rate for Clemson University to \$1.88 per thousand gallons. Mr. Cortez made a second. The motion was unanimous.

3. Executive Director's Report (Oral)

Mr. Willett let Trey Burns open with a Source Water Protection update. Mr. Willett discussed that due to reserve funds maintaining a low balance that ARJWS was called for an early review by Moody's rating agency. He is expecting with the information that was provided and plan in place, that the solution is mitigated. The draft should be provided by the end of next week. The Corps is adjusting fees causing an increase in dock fees. Mr. Willett stated that the increase was most likely due to ARJWS asking questions regarding fees. Mr. Willett gave an update on the State Water Planning that he has been part of for 14 months. The plan is now complete. There is a committee established to review the draft in July and finalize it in August. The House tried to restrict funds but the Senate and House

compromised on the approved \$1.3 million. Mr. Willett gave an update on the Relocation Bill for utility lines. The bill was approved in May and was signed by the Governor. The bill authorizes DOT to do 100% funding for ROW relocation for utilities with 10,000 taps or less. DOT will pay up to 4% for the total budget cost for ROW relocations for agency over 10,000 taps. The bill favors smaller systems. Lastly, Mrs. Barrington updated the Board on the Dixon-Whitehall Relocation that is still on-going. Nothing has changed and ARJWS is the last one in the holding pattern. The last step is for the Project Manager in Columbia to look through all the details one more time.

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. Locke made a motion to adjourn at 12:59 p.m. and Mr. Cortez seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dyke Spencer
Powdersville Water District

The next meeting of the Board will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

