

**THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POLK COUNTY WATER, SEWAGE, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE AUTHORITY.**

**THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

Todd Tillery, Chairman  
Dr. Neeve Owen, Vice Chair  
Chuck Thaxton  
Mike Lester  
Grady McCrickard  
Mary Miller

**ALSO, PRESENT WERE:**

Vickey Atkins, Attorney

**AND:**

Ryan Prince, General Manager  
Ashley Guthrie, Secretary  
Christina Newton, RL Jennings & Associates

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Mike Lester led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the agenda with executive session to be held concerning attorney-client privilege; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester. Agenda was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the minutes for February; seconded by Mr. Grady McCrickard. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Ms. Christina Newton presented a positive review of the Financial Statements.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the Financial Statements; seconded Ms. Mary Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ryan Prince presented a spreadsheet of the (tabled) rate increase proposal. The spreadsheet was detailed by tier and percentage of increase. This spreadsheet gave examples of the rate increase for unincorporated Polk County as well as Vinson Mountain. The rates for Vinson Mountain are lower than that of Polk County because of an IGA between Authority and Paulding County. Mr. Mike Lester

suggested that Polk County Water sell water to all customers at one rate. He said that there shouldn't be a difference in rates for Vinson Mountain and Polk County. The board agreed. Attorney, Vickey Atkins recommended that the IGA be reviewed to be sure that Polk County Water would not be in violation with the agreement. After some discussion, Mr. Mike Lester made a motion to increase water rates 5% across the board subject to checking the IGA, seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton; motion was approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to discuss.

**MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Mr. Prince gave an update for Deaton Springs, informing the board that he has been Rehabbing the chlorine room with new regulators, new solenoid valves and new ejectors. This area has not required maintenance since 2020. He also informed the board that he had to pull a pump at the Hicksville Lift Station for maintenance and will be reinstalling that pump in the next day or so. Mr. Prince reminded the board that he will be meeting with American Tank on 3/21/2023 and they will begin scheduling the maintenance for Polk County Water Tanks for the Asset Management Program.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

No reports given.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No reports given.

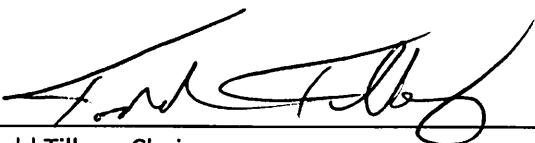
**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

No reports given.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**


No comments given.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Chuck Thaxton to go into executive session under Attorney-Client privilege; seconded by Ms. Mary Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.



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Todd Tillery, Chairman



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Ashley Guthrie, Secretary