

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POLK COUNTY WATER, SEWAGE, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE AUTHORITY.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

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

ALSO, PRESENT WERE:

Vickey Atkins, Attorney

AND:

Ryan Prince, General Manager
Ashley Guthrie, Secretary
James Gladden, New Board Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Grady McCrickard led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Chuck Thaxton to approve the agenda with no executive session to be held; seconded by Dr. Neeve Owen. Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Chuck Thaxton to approve the minutes for March; seconded by Mary Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Ryan Prince presented a positive review of the Financial Statements.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Resignation- After serving five years as a PCWA board of director and two of those years as Chairman, Mr. Todd Tillery presented his resignation to the board. Mr. Ryan Prince thanked Mr. Tillery for his service. Mr. Tillery dismissed himself from the remainder of the meeting.
2. Introduction and Installation- Mr. Ryan Prince introduced Mr. James Gladden as the newest member of the PCWA Board of Directors. Mr. Gladden was welcomed by all.
3. Election of Chairman- Mr. Ryan Prince opened the floor for a nomination of Chairman. Dr. Neeve Owen nominated Mr. Grady McCrickard to serve as Chairman of the Board; seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton. The nomination was approved unanimously.
4. Election of Vice Chairman- Mr. Chuck Thaxton made a motion that Dr. Neeve Owen remain Vice-Chairman of the Board; seconded by Ms. Mary Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Secretary- Mr. Chuck Thaxton made a motion that Ms. Ashley Guthrie remain Secretary of the Board; seconded by Dr. Neeve Owen. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Grady McCrickard accepted and took his seat as Chairman, he thanked the Board for the nomination and the opportunity to serve. Mr. McCrickard continued the meeting by opening the discussion for Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ryan Prince directed the board's attention to the policy book's main line extension section where it states that Polk County Water will not run lines into Alabama or Floyd County. Mr. Prince informed the board that there are properties off Sewell and Yarbrough Rd. going into Bartow County that are selling but currently are not serviced by either Polk County Water nor Bartow County Water. Mr. Prince asked that the Board consider a couple of options for this area; PCWA can ask Bartow County to run a line to the area and allow them to sell the water, or PCWA to run a main line extension into Bartow County and collect the revenue from water sold. Mr. Prince stated that the distance between Polk County Water's dead end of the line to Bartow County's nearest water hydrant is about 7/10 of a mile. Mr. Chuck Thaxton asked Mr. Prince if the pounds of pressure to current Polk County Water customers would be negatively affected if the line was extended. Mr. Prince explained that the pressure in that area is good and the pressure should not be affected. Mr. Prince is unsure about how many houses would be coming into this area, but the area is a total of 200 acres. Mr. Prince reminded the board that Bartow County purchases water from Polk County Water, so if Bartow County decided to run the main line instead of PCWA running it, PCWA is still the one furnishing the water, therefore collecting the revenue on it would make sense. Mr. Thaxton asked that Mr. Prince get more information on the subject and table the discussion for the next meeting.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Prince informed the board that the 2021 Audit is complete and the items that were written up have been corrected through new policies and procedures that were put in place during 2021 and 2022. Mr. Prince explained that the new audit firm began working in March and was able to get a lot accomplished with no issues.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No reports given.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No reports given.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No reports given.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Everyone welcomed Mr. James Gladden and thanked him for agreeing to serve on the board.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Mary Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Grady McCrickard, Chairman

Ashley Guthrie, Secretary