

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POLK COUNTY WATER, SEWAGE, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE AUTHORITY.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Grady McCrickard, Chairman
Dr. Neeve Owen, Vice Chairman
Chuck Thaxton
Mike Lester
James Gladden

ALSO, PRESENT WERE:

Vickey Atkins, Attorney
Lee Jennings, RL Jennings and Associates

AND:

Ryan Prince, General Manager
Ashley Guthrie, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00pm.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Lester to approve the agenda without executive session; seconded by Mr. James Gladden, the motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the Minutes from December, seconded by Mr. James Gladden, the motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Lee Jennings gave a positive review of the end of year financial statements. Mr. Jennings also presented the 2022 Financial Audit Report to the Board. There were no significant findings.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the financial statements; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester, the motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ryan Prince asked that the board implement a change in the policy book to require ductile iron piping to be used for main line extensions instead of pvc piping.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the change for Polk County Water to begin using only ductile iron piping for main line extensions; seconded by Mr. James Gladden, the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Prince asked the board to approve new camera updates and additional camera installations at all water treatment plants and water spring sites for security purposes. This would be a total cost of \$14,713.88 with no additional monthly billing cost.

A motion was made by Dr. Neeve Owen to approve the new and additional cameras at all water treatment plants and spring sites; seconded by Mr. James Gladden, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Prince asked that the board approve new meter tap price increase by \$200.00 beginning April 1, 2024. The last time that meter tap increases were implemented was in October 2021.

A motion was made by Dr. Neeve Owen to approve meter tap fees to increase by \$200.00 beginning April 1, 2024; seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Prince asked that the board increase over-time fees from \$75.00 to \$100.00. This would be charged to customers that call after hours to have their water services re-connected.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to approve the over-time fees to be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective immediately; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Prince asked that the line item for wages and salaries in the budget be adjusted to accommodate the salary increase that was voted on during the December meeting.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Prince asked Attorney Vickey Atkins to update the board on the Right of Entry for Elbert Angel to be able to access the property in Taylorsville. Ms. Atkins informed the board that she had been in contact with the owner of the 50-acre tract where the surveyors and workers would have to have access in order to begin and complete the water line construction at the intersection of Highway 113/Davis Town Rd. Ms. Atkins explained that the Right of Entry has been drawn up and General Manager, Ryan Prince should be granted permission to execute the paperwork on behalf of the Polk County Water Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Lester to give Ryan Prince the authority to execute the Right of Entry on behalf of the Authority; seconded by Mr. Chuck Thaxton, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Prince informed the Board that by using bond money for the water line construction rather than the Authority's GF1 account, the Authority would be earning more in interest than the payout. The monthly payment for the bond is currently \$99,000.00 and that would increase to approximately \$122,000.00.

PERSONELL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

None

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Chuck Thaxton to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Mike Lester, the motion was approved unanimously.

_____ Grady McCrickard, Chairman

_____ Ashley Guthrie, Secretary