



GreenvilleWater

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
407 West Broad Street
Commission Room, Level Two
Greenville, South Carolina
June 7, 2016
8:15 a.m.**

Commissioners of Public Works in attendance:

Chairman Phillip A. Kilgore, Vice-Chairman James W. Bannister, and Debra M. Sofield.

Absent: Mayor Knox H. White and J. David Sudduth. A quorum was present.

Greenville Water Staff in attendance:

Chief Executive Officer David H. Bereskin, Chief Financial Officer Phil Robey, Chief Operations Officer Rebecca West, Director of Engineering Mike Sharpless, Interim Director of Water Resources Rick Pfeleiderer, Director of Business Services David Hughey, Controller Jondia Berry, Director of Information Technology Joe Beineke, Director of Human Resources Richard Posey, Communications Specialist Olivia Vassey, Business Analyst Jane Arrington, Facilities Maintenance Manager Allen White, CIP Engineer Mark Hattendorf, Field Operations Manager Wayne Shuman and Commission Attorney David Ward.

The Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of Public Works was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Kilgore.

1. WELCOME

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented at this time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Kilgore listed the items of the Consent Agenda which were the meeting minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting May 3, 2016, the Water Resources Report and the Financial Update Report. There being no questions or comments regarding the consent agenda, the items were deemed approved.

4. ENGINEERING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Director of Engineering Mike Sharpless was welcomed by Chairman Kilgore to open the Engineering Capital Improvement Program update. Interim Director of Water Resources Rick Pfeleiderer, Facilities Maintenance Manager Allen White and CIP Engineer Mark Hattendorf provided information on programs specific to them. The update included major capital projects, central campus improvements, Table Rock and North Saluda dam improvements, North Saluda intake structure rehabilitation, arc flash compliance/study, remodel of Table Rock Caretaker house, new roofs at Stovall Water Treatment Plant, replacement of the fume hoods at Stovall and Adkins labs, redundant transformer at Stovall Water Treatment Plant, replacement of dehumidifiers at the Adkins Plant, Stovall floor replacement, repainting of the Paris Mountain Tank, Rutherford Road area pressure improvements, Adkins Plant clearwell concrete beam repair, residuals handling study, sludge removal at the water treatment plants and normal system improvements.

Commissioner Sofield stressed the importance of working with customers in the Rutherford Road area where the pressure improvements are made to ensure pressure reducing valves are in place. Mr. Sharpless added the project is still in the design phase. Once the pressure on the new line is determined, the need for preventative measures will be evaluated and communicated.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Chief Executive Officer David Bereskin began the update, reiterating the purpose of the strategic plan is to strengthen and build upon Greenville Water's market position and creating value. Value is defined by three categories: operational excellence, long term viability and corporate citizenship. Each department presented progress on their initiatives as provided in the Commission Agenda package. Mr. Bereskin expressed good progress has been made so far in 2016 and the only thing missing is acknowledgement of all the day-to-day responsibilities that are well taken care of as ordinary business on top of these accomplishments. Commissioner Sofield thanked staff for great work and a great presentation. Everyone was succinct and the information was easily understandable.

6. LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Legislative Liaison Bob Knight provided an update on the General Assembly according to water specific, general environmental and general interest bills as distributed to the Commission during the meeting.

S.512 – Penalties for willful damage of water utilities - passed in the Senate but got to the House too late. If the bill maintains life in the Senate it could possibly be considered next year.

S.1157 requiring the Department of Transportation to pay for relocation of utilities during construction of new roads. This was rejected by the full Senate.

H.3564 – Surface Water amendment to respond to the potato farm issue in Aiken had no legislative action taken.

H.3567 – Adds a section of northern Greenville County to Renewable Water Resources service territory. This passed into law.

S.1258 – The Roads Bill provides \$200 million annually for debt service on bonds (\$2.1 billion) for new construction. This was passed into law.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Mr. Bereskin shared pictures of various animals taken by trail cameras as they freely roamed in the Table Rock watershed.


Mr. Bereskin and Commissioners thanked Business Services Director David Hughey for 28 years of service as he retires from Greenville Water and wished him well in his new career with Advanced Utility Systems (AUS). Mr. Bereskin mentioned one of Mr. Hughey's greatest contributions was carrying Greenville Water through the transition from the AS400 customer information system to AUS's CIS program in 2007 and then the upgrade to the latest version in 2015.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sofield requested a correction on page 26 of the Strategic Planning Update to reflect Mr. Bereskin attended First Monday rather than First Tuesday.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.



Phillip A. Kilgore, Chairman



Kimberly J. Haulter, Executive Assistant