



GreenvilleWater

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
407 West Broad Street
Commission Room, Level Two
Greenville, South Carolina
August 11, 2015
8:15 a.m.**

Commissioners of Public Works in attendance:

Chairman Phillip A. Kilgore, Vice-Chairman James W. Bannister, Debra M. Sofield, and J. David Sudduth. Absent: Mayor Knox H. White. A quorum was present.

Greenville Water Staff in attendance:

Chief Executive Officer David H. Bereskin, Chief Operations Officer Dennis Porter, Director of Engineering Mike Sharpless, Director of Water Resources K.C. Price, 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, Facilities Maintenance Manager Allen White and Commission Attorney David Ward.

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

1. WELCOME

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Kilgore listed the items of the Consent Agenda which were the meeting minutes of July 7, 2015, the Water Resources Report and the Financial Update Report. With the exception of the Water Resources Report, the items were deemed approved. Chairman Kilgore asked Director of Water Resources K.C. Price to give a brief Water Resources report in light of the change in conditions of the reservoirs. Mr. Price reported Table Rock Reservoir is down eight feet, with a four foot drop in the month of July. There was very little rain in the area. North Saluda Reservoir is down close to four feet, with a two foot drop in the last month. Production is currently greater than last year. Rainfall is the troubling spot currently. There is a pressure zone over Bermuda oscillating between Bermuda and the Azores. The location of this pressure zone is keeping the weather in this area dryer, instead of pumping up the tropical air normally seen at this time. Significant recovery is not expected until the end of the year.

4. NATURE CONSERVANCY PRESENTATION TO GRADY MCCOMBS

Chairman Kilgore introduced Kristen Austin the SC Southern Blue Ridge Program Director at The Nature Conservancy who had a special presentation for Grady McCombs, retired Watershed Superintendent for Greenville Water. Ms. Austin and The Nature Conservancy wanted to publically thank Mr. McCombs for his years of service, stating he was an outstanding steward of the Greenville Watersheds. An incredible service not only to Greenville Water but to the greater Greenville area. The properties are so key ecologically for a series of plants and animals that depend on the properties. Also the lands are a symbol to give hope for the future generations to understand the beauty of the natural resources and we do depend on them. Mr. McCombs did an outstanding job being of service to the natural resources of these critical lands. On behalf of The Nature Conservancy Ms. Austin presented Mr. McCombs with a beautiful framed portrait of the North Saluda Watershed.

Chairman Kilgore once again added the appreciation of the Commission and the entire Greenville Water family, thanking Mr. McCombs for his many years of service and help in growing Greenville Water.

5. WATER RESOURCES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Water Resources Master Plan team of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. (GMC), Greeley & Hansen Engineers and Clemson University provided the first of three executive briefings for the Water Resources Master Plan. Steve Cawood, Regional President, East Region for GMC thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present an update and reviewed the outline of the Agenda which included the overall master plan vision and framework, water supply capacity, water demand projection, potential strategies to balance supply and demand and next steps as provided in the Commission Agenda package. Mr. Cawood shared the project vision is to ensure a sustainable, resilient and reliable water supply for Greater Greenville into the next century. The tool to achieve this vision is a detailed, adaptive, environmentally, socially and financially viable Water Resources Master Plan.

Commissioner Sudduth described the Master Plan project as exciting and cutting edge in terms of preparing a plan before it is needed.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Officer David Bereskin announced the Government Finance Officers Association (G.F.O.A.) awarded Greenville Water the Certificate of Achievement for the second year in a row for financial reporting. He thanked Controller Jondia Berry and her team for doing an excellent job. The report was so well prepared there were only three questions/comments on the entire report, which is a notable accomplishment. The Finance Department also earned an award for the short year budget in 2014.

Mr. Bereskin shared a map of the Duke Energy proposed routes of the High Energy Transmission lines for Greenville County. There are three major routes with different legs to them. The map provided showed where possible infringements into the watersheds may occur. Communication Specialist Olivia Vassey and Mr. Price attended a meeting in Landrum concerning the proposed routes. Greenville Water will stay involved throughout the planning process.

Mr. Bereskin stated the Campus Project Open Space design is progressing. Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm there will be a Community Meeting with Southernside Neighborhood and Hampton Pinckney Historic District regarding the Open Space. Facilities Maintenance Manager Allen White will share how Greenville Water will care for the property, the setup of a website where questions and concerns can be sent, and lighting design and a reveal the statue concept.

Mr. Bereskin provided a brief Automated Meter Reading (AMR) project update stating when the program installation was complete, issues with the Itron, Inc. product lead to a switch to a Metron-Farnier product which is now failing. Greenville Water is taking time to pause and look into options. Mr. Bereskin will be attending a Smart Grid Summit in September which is hosted by several automated meter suppliers where the state of the art equipment will be showcased.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sofield recognized Chairman Kilgore for being selected to receive the Vigil Honor from the Order of the Arrow by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Order of the Arrow is a

national honor society of the BSA, recognizing those selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Phillip A. Kilgore, Chairman



Kimberly J. Haulter, Executive Assistant