



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
407 W. Broad Street, Level 2,
Greenville, South Carolina
January 10, 2023
8:15 a.m.

GreenvilleWater

Commissioners of Public Works in attendance:

Chairman Phillip A. Kilgore, Vice-Chairman James W. Bannister, Debra M. Sofield, Wil Brasington, and Mayor Knox H. White. A quorum was present.

Greenville Water Senior Staff in attendance:

Chief Executive Officer David H. Bereskin, Chief Financial Officer Phil Robey, Chief Operations Officer Jeff Boss, Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Bob Schmidt, Director of Strategic Initiatives Dr. Jane Arrington, and attorney Adam Bach.

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.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Kilgore asked for questions pertaining to the consent agenda items. There being none, he called for approval of the items of the Consent Agenda which were the meeting minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting December 6, 2022, the Water Resources Report, the Finance Update, New Development, and New Annexations. Commissioner Sofield moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasington, to approve the items of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chairman Kilgore invited Legislative Liaison Bob Knight to speak regarding legislative activities. Mr. Knight announced the legislative session was to begin that day and he would be in Columbia for the week. Pre-files that were introduced since the last Commission meeting included four or five presented by Representative Bill Hixon, the new Chairman of the Agriculture/Natural Resources committee. This position includes jurisdiction over lots of water issues. Representative Hixon has introduced new bills that deal with water infrastructure. There is belief that the triennial audit created the need for these bills and bills of concern were presented. Mr. Knight and Mr. Bereskin have a meeting set with Representative Hixon to discuss these bills.

5. EFFECTIVE UTILITY ATTRIBUTES/STRATEGIC PLAN

Chairman Kilgore welcomed Director of Strategic Initiatives Dr. Jane Arrington to review effective utility attributes and Greenville Water's strategic plan. When staff began drafting the 2023 strategic plan goals in August of 2022, Mr. Bereskin asked them to revisit the strategic

plan content and the structure. The Greenville Water vision and mission were not changed as staff agreed the statements continued to represent Greenville Water. Dr. Arrington explained staff's desire for this presentation was to gather the Commissioners input and to adjust plans as recommended.

Greenville Water's representation of the effectively managed utility attributes were presented and broken up into priority areas for the Commissioners to discuss and rank. Commission comments were recorded, and Dr. Arrington will revise the 2023 Strategic Plan to align with the discussion conclusions.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Mr. Bereskin reviewed upcoming events in the month of January. Chairman Kilgore requested that a list of the events/information be e-mailed to the Commissioners for review and responses.

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies' Water Policy Conference is March 6-8 in Washington, DC. Staff in attendance will meet with different departments to try to get the \$5.4 million request from the Omnibus Appropriations Bill that was supported by Senator Lindsey Graham. Also, staff will push for further dollars for projects the Commission would like to support. The money could help Greenville Water move into being a greener utility with solar funding and more water infrastructure improvements. Dr. Schmidt will work with lobbyists in Washington, DC to set up the meetings.

Mr. Bereskin pointed out the damage visible in the Admin Building was due to a burst fire line in the attic on Christmas Eve. The pipe break was due to extremely cold temperatures and loss of power in the downtown Greenville area. Staff is working with a remediation company and then contractors will be brought in to restore the damaged areas. Chairman Kilgore asked if the damage is covered by insurance. Mr. Bereskin stated a claim had already been filed.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:05 a.m.



Phillip A. Kilgore, Chairman



Kimberly Haulter, Executive Assistant