

Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020

I. Call to order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the November 2020 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM November 10, 2020, at the Rabun County Water & Sewer Authority Business Office.

II. Roll call

Chairman Sam Beck, Treasurer Jerry Krivsky, Secretary Brett Cohee, Dallas Taylor, Roger Mullins, Tim Darrah and Jeff Hunter were present at the RCWSA Business Office. Claude Rickman joined by telephone. A quorum was present. General Manager Brendan Thompson, Finance Manager Traci Adams, Distribution and Collections Manager Justin McCall, Construction & Maintenance Manager Christian Lovell, Wastewater System Manager Davis Speed, Kaitlin Gipson and Rusty Hunnicutt were also present at the RCWSA Business Office.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

* Minutes of the regular meeting October 13, 2020 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Darrah.

ALL IN FAVOR

IV. General Manager's Report

- October 2020 ending account balance was \$107,467.35. October 2020 water bill to City of Clayton was \$125,270.24. The pumped to distribution system volume for the South Water System (LRWTP) for October 2020 was 41,649,000 gallons; an increase of 1,059,000 gallons or 2.6% from September 2020.
- * City of Clayton's October 2019 volume was 33,133,000 gallons and October 2020 volume was 39,269,669 gallons; an increase of 6,136,669 gallons or 18.5% from October 2019 to October 2020.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for October

- 2020 was 14,480,000 gallons; a decrease of 1,929,000 gallons or -11.8% from September 2020.
- * Meter readings for October 2020 were taken by RCWSA on October 26, 2020. Bills were sent out on November 2, 2020.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were two new water taps for the month of October 2020; Anthony Tuttle and Matthew Pileski, both in Rabun Gap.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for October 2020 was 5.86%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for October 2020 was 4.80%.
- * Fire hydrant maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

A general discussion was had by the RCWSA Board concerning the escalating volumes being delivered to the City of Clayton and the manpower and equipment strain being placed on the RCWSA. The Board directed GM Brendan Thompson post another letter to the City of Clayton indicating that once again the City of Clayton had exceeded their 36 million gallon per billing period allotment. Brett Cohee stated that he would again address the Clayton City Council on the need to find and repair the leaks in their distribution system. The volumes produced by the RCWSA are at this point unsustainable and if potable water and fire protection is to be maintained those volumes need to be reduced. GM Brendan Thompson stated that he would be happy to meet with Clayton's City Council at the Lake Rabun WTP to point out the problems. Also, a number of the Board members indicated that they would be attending the November 17, 2020 Clayton City Council meeting to express their concern on the seriousness of the situation and the dire need to find and fix Clayton's water loss problems.

V. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve invoices, seconded by Mr. Darrah. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Motion to Adjourn - Made by Mr. Darrah, seconded by Mr. Krivsky. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

ADJOURNED