



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the January 2022 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, January 11, 2022, at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Vice Chairman Greg Peters, Treasurer Jerry Krivsky, Secretary Brett Cohee, Tim Darrah, Roger Mullins and Dallas Taylor were present at the RCWSA Business Office. A quorum was present. General Manager Brendan Thompson, Finance Manager Traci Adams, Distribution & Collections System Manager Justin McCall, Wastewater Systems Manager Davis Speed, Kaitlin Gibson, Lamar Garner, Zack Bryan with EMI, Pete Cleveland and The Clayton Tribune were also present at the RCWSA Business Office.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

- * Minutes of the regular meeting on December 14th, 2021 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Darrah made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Krivsky.
ALL IN FAVOR

IV. General Manager's Report

- * December 2021 ending account balance was \$117,291.12. December 2021 water bill to City of Clayton was \$129,865.81. The pumped to distribution system volume for the South Water System (LRWTP) for December 2021 was 36,953,000 gallons; a decrease of 810,000 gallons or -2.1% from November 2021.
- * City of Clayton's December 2020 billing volume was 32,207,593 gallons and December 2021 billing volume was 39,593,236 gallons; an increase of 7,385,643 gallons or 22.9% from December 2020 to December 2021. Mr. Thompson stated the billing period was seven days longer.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for December 2021 was 13,094,000 gallons; a decrease of 1,570,000 gallons or -10.7% from November 2021.
- * Meter readings for December 2021 were taken by RCWSA on December 27, 2021. Bills were sent out on November 30, 2021.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were no new taps for the month of December 2021.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for December 2021 was 2.6%.

- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for December 2021 was 5.3%.
- * Mr. Thompson stated that installation of new raw water pump #2 for the North Water System would take place in the next 3 to 4 weeks.
- * Mr. Thompson stated that regular preventative maintenance on motors and machinery is ongoing at Rabun County Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Thompson discussed sludge disposal moving forward. Both interim (hauling sludge to Ball Ground Landfill) and long-term (Land Application) solutions are being discussed and reviewed for viability. He also stated that a new influent submersible pump will be installed at the influent pit in the next 3 to 4 weeks.
- * Fire hydrant maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. Status Report for RCWSA - City of Clayton Negotiations to Bring Water from the North Water System, on an interim basis, to Augment Water Supply from LRWTP while LRWTP Filters Are Rehabilitated.

- o Mr. Thompson stated that the interim water from the North System information, technical write-up, schedule and cost estimate, had been sent to Mayor Kurt Cannon along with an executive summary on November 23, 2021. The RCWSA staff is standing by to meet with the Clayton staff to discuss the RCWSA’s proposal and a possible alternative that the Clayton staff has developed. City of Clayton Council is reviewing Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Maps. Once SDS Maps have been approved, RCWSA will push to follow up with the Clayton City Council concerning Interim water supply from the North Water System.

VI. Status Report for Rabun County Redundancy Water Main

- o Funding options research and submittal is on-going. State SFR grants have been applied for in Mid-October 2021. Waiting on review by Office of Planning and Budget, approval or denial answer by January 31, 2022. Two Federal Grant applications (Grant EDA-2021-ARPAEAA, maximum of \$10M and Grant PWEAA2020, maximum of \$30M) are underway. Possibility of setting up Phase I and II of the Redundancy Water Main Project as Earmarks is being pursued based on the Federal Grant Applications.
- o The RCWSA is still awaiting road plans for the US 441 widening project to determine the best pipeline layout along US 441. GDOT to let project in November 2022.

VII. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Cohee made a motion to approve invoices (Mr. Thompson’s December 2021 Expense Report), seconded by Mr. Peters.

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Motion to Adjourn - Made by Mr. Darrah.

ADJOURNED