



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the February 2022 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, February 8, 2022, at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Treasurer Jerry Krivsky, Tim Darrah, Claude Rickman, Jeff Hunter 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, Jerry Hood and Zack Bryan with EMI and Pete Cleveland were also present at the RCWSA Business Office.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

- * Minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, 2022 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Krivsky made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Darrah.
ALL IN FAVOR

IV. General Manager's Report

- * January 2022 ending account balance was \$59,245.84. January 2022 water bill to City of Clayton was \$117,074.92. The pumped to distribution system volume for the South Water System (LRWTP) for January 2022 was 38,563,000 gallons; an increase of 1,610,000 gallons or 4.4% from December 2021.
- * City of Clayton's December January 2021 volume was 30,608,582 gallons; an increase of 5,084,991 gallons or 16.6% from January 2021 to January 2022.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for January 2022 was 13,285,000 gallons; an increase of 195,000 gallons or 1.5% from December 2021.
- * Meter readings for January 2022 were taken by RCWSA on January 25, 2022. Bills were sent out on January 31, 2022.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were no new taps for the month of January 2022.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for January 2022 was 1.3%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for January 2022 was 2.9%.
- * 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., depending on shipment.
- * Mr. Thompson stated that regular preventative maintenance on motors and machinery

is ongoing at Rabun County Water Reclamation Facility.

- * Mr. Thompson stated that a new influent submersible pump has been installed at the RCWRF influent pit and electrical work should begin in the next 2 to 4 weeks.
- * Mr. Thompson stated that sludge disposal options, interim and permanent, have been evaluated. Based on the cost of monitoring the land application process, the extensive paperwork necessary and the general liability of the chain of ownership, RCWSA's management staff decided that the land application process was not a viable option at this time. EMI provided a proposal for the land application process undertaking and RCWSA will keep this proposal on-file in the event that the land application process would be needed.
- * 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) information. Once SDS documents 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 has been completed. 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 February 28, 2022. Two Federal Grant applications (Grant EDA-2021-ARPAEAA, maximum of \$10M and Grant PWEAA2020, maximum of \$30M) were reviewed, but the cost of the grant application support information and studies was too great considering the emphasis being placed on job creation, therefore no further action is planned at this time.
- 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. Hunter made a motion to approve invoices (Mr. Thompson's January 2022 Expense Report), seconded by Mr. Rickman.

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion to Adjourn - Made by Mr. Darrah.

ADJOURNED