



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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the March 2022 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, March 8, 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, Claude Rickman, and Jeff Hunter 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, Maintenance & Construction Manager Christian Lovell, Water Systems Manager Tricia Henslee, Wastewater Systems Manager Davis Speed, Rusty Hunnicutt, Kaitlin Gibson, Zack Bryan with EMI, Pete Cleveland, City of Clayton Mayor Kurt Cannon and Clayton Public Works Director Jason Waldroup were also present at the RCWSA Business Office.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

- * Minutes of the regular meeting on February 8, 2022 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Darrah made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hunter.

ALL IN FAVOR

IV. General Manager's Report

- * February 2022 ending account balance was \$68,016.47. February 2022 water bill to City of Clayton was \$113,047.40. The pumped to distribution system volume for the South Water System (LRWTP) for February 2022 was 33,901,000 gallons; a decrease of 4,662,000 gallons or -12.1% from January 2022.
- * City of Clayton's February 2022 volume was 34,465,672 gallons; an increase of 3,107,014 gallons or 9.9% from February 2021 to February 2022.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for February 2022 was 12,630,000 gallons; a decrease of 659,000 gallons or -5.0% from January 2022.
- * Meter readings for February 2022 were taken by RCWSA on February 25, 2022. Bills were sent out on February 28, 2022.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were no new taps for the month of February 2022.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for February 2022 was 3.8%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for February 2022 was 1.8%.

- * 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 be completed this week.
- * 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 has reviewed and approved Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) information. RCWSA will meet with Mayor Cannon and Mr. Waldroup to follow up with the Clayton staff concerning Interim water supply from the North Water System. Mayor Cannon to call Mr. Thompson to set up that meeting.

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. State of Georgia Office of Planning and Budget did not approve any of the State Grant Applications. 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. Developer Discussions Stekoa Falls Resort Development

- o The RCWSA staff met with the developer on February 24, 2022 to review Preliminary Plans. After that meeting, Mr. Thompson sent an e-mail to the Developer’s representative, Joseph Venezia, stating RCWSA’s policy requirements. Developer is working on those requirements and will send to Mr. Thompson when complete.

VIII. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Cohee made a motion to approve invoices (Mr. Thompson’s February 2022 Expense Report), seconded by Mr. Krivsky. **ALL IN FAVOR**

Motion to Adjourn - Made by Mr. Darrah.

ADJOURNED