



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the September 2022 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, September 13, 2022, at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Vice-Chairman Jeff Hunter, Treasurer Jerry Krivsky, Secretary Brett Cohee and Stephen Arbitter were present at the RCWSA Business Office and Claude Rickman attended by telephone conference. A quorum was present. General Manager Brendan Thompson, Finance Manager Traci Adams, 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 August 9, 2022 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Krivsky.
ALL IN FAVOR

IV. General Manager's Report

- * August 2022 ending account balance was \$59,527.20. August 2022 water bill to City of Clayton was \$120,250.00. The pumped to distribution system volume for the South Water System (LRWTP) for August 2022 was 38,449,000 gallons; a decrease of 2,769,000 gallons or 6.7% from July 2022.
- * City of Clayton's August 2022 volume was 35,682,494 gallons; an increase of 3,467,969 gallons or 10.8% from August 2021 to August 2022.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for August 2022 was 19,016,000 gallons; an increase of 17,000 gallons or .1% from July 2022.
- * Meter readings for August 2022 were taken by RCWSA on August 24, 2022. Bills were sent out on September 1, 2022.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there was no new taps in the month of August 2022.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for August 2022 was 1.4%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for August 2022 was 7.9%.
- * The Insertion Valve into line from EQ Basin to Influent Pit containing pumps was installed. Regular preventive maintenance on motors and machinery and grass mowing and weed-eating is ongoing.

- * Fire hydrant maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. Status Report for RCWSA - City of Clayton Control Valve Project to interconnect the RCWSA's North Water System with the City of Clayton

Planning to bring water from the North Water System (Little Tennessee WTP) to augment water supply from Lake Rabun WTP while the LRWTP filters are replaced. Once Control Valve is installed and functioning, the RCWSA-City of Clayton Wholesale Water Agreement Addendum 2 terms will outline the unit rate and each parties' responsibilities. Water supply from both the LRWTP and LTWTP will be an ongoing operational aspect of water supply for the City of Clayton and the Rabun County Community.

VI. Status Report for Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation

Conventional replacement is planned using the Trident System to replace the existing Roberts Filter System. Design of the Trident System for replacement is underway. Planning to install the Trident System between January 2024 to March 2024. The lead time (38 to 42 weeks) for the new Trident Filter System is the controlling factor in undertaking the replacement in January 2024 through March 2024 along with the expected reduced volumes used by Multitrade during January 2024 through March 2024. The projected completion of the 750,000-gallon tank (the Greg Peters' Tank) in July of 2023 will add a safety factor in the delivery of water from the LTWTP.

VII. Status Report for Rabun County Redundancy Water Main (Phase II and III)

Phase II design is complete and the project is out to bid. Bids are due September 29, 2022. Construction of the Concrete Ground-Level Water Tank (the Greg Peters' Tank) to start in April 2023. Water main from the tank to the Yorkhouse Road tie-in is being bid separately from the tank construction with the water main installation undertaken after the tank is constructed. Water main materials, including fire hydrants, were ordered on June 7, 2022.

Phase III project is under design. GEFA Loan Application for \$1.8M has been completed and submitted to meet the September 1, 2022 deadline. Environmental Impact Documents (EID's) are being determined as part of the GEFA Loan process and will be submitted after the initial application. GEFA Loan to be acquired to take advantage of the principal forgiveness of up to \$630,000. GEFA Loan is to then be paid off with SPLOST funds. Water main materials, including fire hydrants, were ordered on July 27, 2022.

VII. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Cohee made a motion to approve invoices (Mr. Thompson's August 2022 Expense Report), seconded by Mr. Arbitter. **ALL IN FAVOR**

Motion to Adjourn - Made by Mr. Cohee.

ADJOURNED