



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the February 2025 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, February 11, 2025 at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office, 137 Hiawassee Street, Clayton, Ga.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Vice Chairman Jeff Hunter, Treasurer Jerry Krivsky, Secretary Brett Cohee, Stephen Arbitter, Claude Rickman, John Joyce, David Hart and Dee Van Camp were present at the RCWSA Business Office. A quorum was present. General Manager Brendan Thompson, Human Resources Coordinator Josh Rimes and Public Information Coordinator Blake Spurney were present. Members of the Church of the Mountains - Pastor Adam Wright and Mike Rodgers were present. Zack Bryan with EMI was also present.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

Minutes of the regular meeting on January 14, 2025 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hunter. **ALL IN FAVOR**

IV. General Manager's Report

- * January 2025 ending account balance was \$236,935.53
- * January 2025 Water System Total Billings: \$262,687.04
- * January 2025 Wastewater System Total Billings: \$142,051.13
- * January 2025 Water and Wastewater Total Billings: \$404,738.17
- * January 2025 Accounts Receivable (A/R's) \$255,300.48 as of 1-31-25
- * South Water System (LRWTP) pumped to distribution system for December 2024 was 28,793,000,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for January 2025 was 32,535,000 gallons; an increase of 3,742,000 gallons or 13.0% from December 2024 to January 2025.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for December 2024 was 20,600,000 gallons. January 2025 was 25,589,000 gallons; an increase of 4,989,000 gallons or 24.2% from December 2024 to January 2025.
- * Meter readings for January 2025 were taken by RCWSA on January 20, 2025. Bills were sent out on January 30, 2025.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there was one new water connection for January 2025.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for January 2025 was 52.2%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for January 2025 was 55.7%.

- * Total water system unaccounted for water volume for January 2025 was 53.2%.
- * At the RCWRF and the SCWRF, regular preventive maintenance on motors and machinery is ongoing.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were no new sewer connections for January 2025.
- * Fire hydrant replacement, maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. Consolidation of RCWSA and the City of Clayton’s Water and Sewer Systems

The Board discussed billing and meter status, maintenance and developing maintenance plans and development of a master plan for the consolidated Water and Wastewater System. Grant procurement for the Master Plan was discussed. Mr. Thompson stated that the Grant Application process for the Master Plan has been continuing with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC) representatives. The Grant will be for \$250,000, a 50/50 split of the \$500,000 total cost between the ARC and the RCWSA/RCBOC.

VI. Status Report for Rabun County Redundancy Water Project (Phase III)

Wolffork Road 8-inch Water Main Installation Project - Tom Adams Construction began construction September 16, 2024; anticipated completion in March 2025.

VII. Status Report for Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement

Tom Adams began construction-installation January 20, 2025. Project completion scheduled for mid-April 2025.

VIII. Status of Lead-Copper Rules Revision Project - Lead Line Inventory

Shamgar, Inc. has completed the inventory of the service lines throughout the water System. Five (5) service lines were identified as having lead. The RCWSA will engage Shamgar, Inc. to replace those five (5) lines.

IX. Rickman Street and Duggan Hill Sanitary Sewer Spill - Line was unblocked. Ga EPD was properly notified.

X. Leak Analysis and Detection - The RCWSA will be engaging an outside firm to help in leak detection and analysis.

XI. Church of the Mountains - Discussion of Water and Sewer Services. The RCWSA Board stated that since the Church wished to do an On-Site Septic System for wastewater and a well for potable water, the RCWSA would not be opposed to those choices since the RCWSA does not oversee those services.

XII. Approval of Invoices

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

Mr. Rickman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Joyce - **Adjourned.**