



Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission Regular Meeting

October 19th, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call with Zoom link published to the public on the Town's website. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Smith-Jones at 9:31 AM.

Commissioners Present: Smith-Jones, Ferland.

Others Present: Tommy West, Sara Silva and Beth Geiss from SIUC Management, one member of the public and one potential new Commissioner awaiting swearing in.

A motion by Ferland and seconded by Smith-Jones to accept the minutes of the September 21st, 2022 meeting. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT September, by Ms. Geiss

We remain within normal variation of the budget for the year.

Net income for the month of September was a surplus of \$ 192,707. During the month Capital acquisitions were \$ 25,748. After adjusting for Bond/Notes principal payments and capital, September showed a surplus of \$ 173,340.

On a year-to-date basis, net income is \$ 979,061 through the end of September. After adjustments for Capital purchases and debt principal payments, there is a surplus of \$ 637,499.

Available Cash as of September 30, 2022, is \$ 3,243,280.

Positive net income and cash for the year is primarily driven by lower than budgeted staffing due to challenges in the marketplace. We expect this situation to correct in the coming months.

Monthly invoices and payables were approved electronically by the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT September, by Mr. West

SEABROOK WATER RESOURCE FACILITY

Effluent quality continued to meet permit requirements during the month. The daily average flow was 0.498 million gallons per day (MGD). The maximum daily flow was 0.942 million gallons for the month.

The average effluent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) was 3 mg/l, and the average effluent Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) was 10 mg/l, indicating excellent process control.

Total effluent & deep well pumped to Seabrook golf courses for irrigation was 15.901 million gallons effluent and 0.000 million gallons deep well. Total effluent and deep well pumped to Oak Point golf course was 5.839 million gallons effluent and 0.000 million gallons deep well.

SEABROOK WATER DISTRIBUTION

SIUC delivered 34,684,667 gallons of water for the month compared to 30,269,973 gallons last year. The accounted for water received for the month from St Johns 98.20% compared to 94.91% last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Staffing – multiple open technician positions remain posted.

SCIIP Funding Opportunities – We continue to wait for State Review of our application.

Open Commissioner Position – The Town has appointed Larry Buchman to the open Commission position. Mr. Buchman is awaiting swearing in.

Potential New Developments – no significant changes to any of the projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Vertical Turbine Pump – Mr. West reviewed options to repair or replace a broken pump used to move treated water out of the holding pond. **A motion was made by Ferland and seconded by Smith-Jones to purchase a new pump. Motion passed.**

Facility Management Contract – still pending

2023 Budget Review – a meeting will be set for November 3, 2022 to review a draft budget

Potential Tidelines Article – given a handful of public questions about service obligations and the impact of new developments on sewer capacity, a draft article is being put together for future distribution.

A motion was made by Ferland and seconded by Smith-Jones at 10:14 to adjourn the open meeting. Motion passed; open meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session was not needed.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 16th, 2022 at 9:30 am via Zoom video conference call.

November 29, 2022
Date

Katharine Watkins
Town Clerk