Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission Regular Meeting

March 16th, 2022

Due to Convid-19 mandates, 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 Chairperson Smith-Jones at 9:32 AM.

Commissioners Present: Vancini, Ferland, and Smith-Jones.

Others Present: Tommy West, Beth Geiss and Chris Houghton from Louis Berger.

Upon a motion by Vancini and second by Ferland the minutes of the February 16th, 2022 meeting were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT February, by Ms. Geiss**

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

Net income for the month of February was a surplus of $82,765. Capital charges in February total $55,170. After adjusting for Bond/Notes principal payments February showed a surplus of $32,108.

On a year-to-date basis, net income is $186,266. After adjusting for Capital expenditures and Notes/Bond principal payments, there is a cash surplus of $142,374. Available Cash as of February 28, 2022 is $2,928,506.

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

**OPERATIONS REPORT February, by Mr. West**

SEABROOK WATER RESOURCE FACILITY
Effluent quality continued to meet permit requirements during the month. The daily average flow was 0.304 million gallons per day (MGD). The maximum daily flow was 0.385 million gallons for the month. The average effluent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) was 5 mg/l, and the average effluent Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) was 5 mg/l, indicating excellent process control.

Total effluent & deep well pumped to Seabrook golf courses for irrigation was 9.649 million gallons effluent and 0.000 million gallons deep well. Total effluent and deep well pumped to Oak Point golf course was 3.043 million gallons effluent and 0.000 million gallons deep well.

SEABROOK WATER DISTRIBUTION

SIUC delivered 14,062,870 gallons of water for the month compared to 12,960,230 gallons last year.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Funds – Commissioner Vancini updated the Commission and the SIUC requests remain under review by the Town of Seabrook. Management will continue to look for additional potential projects for consideration.

Plant Engineering Study – Black & Veatch (B&V) study is underway. Completion targeted for summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Staffing – 3 Open positions – two operations and one administrative are currently open.

Aerators - $60k is budgeted for a second new aerator. An additional $60k will be spent to upgrade 3 additional aerators to direct drive. The goal is to cover this capital cost within the current budget.

Plant operating agreement with the current operator expires at the end of the year. SIUC has begun a formal bidding process for a new contract beginning 2023.

A motion was made by Vancini and seconded by Ferland at 10:15 to adjourn the open meeting. Motion passed; open meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session commenced at 10:15 and ended at 10:58.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for April 20th, 2022 at 9:30 am via a Zoom video conference call.

April 22, 2022
Date

Katharine Watkins
Town Clerk