Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission Regular Meeting

July 21st, 2021

The meeting was held in person at the Seabrook Island Town Hall and 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 9:31 AM.

Commissioners Present: Ferland (Zoom), and Smith-Jones.

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

Upon a motion by Ferland and second by Smith-Jones the minutes of the May 19th, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT June, by Ms. Geiss
We remain within normal variation of the budget for the year.

Net income for the month of June was a surplus of $46,216. Capital charges for the month of June were $72,401. After adjusting for Bond/Notes principal payments and Capital, June showed a net deficit of $27,369.

Year to date reflects a net income of $434,884. After Capital expenditures and debt service principal, there is a deficit of $71,236.

Available Cash as of June 30, 2021, is $2,572,212.

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

OPERATIONS REPORT June, by Mr. West
SEABROOK WATER RESOURCE FACILITY

Effluent quality continued to meet permit requirements during the month. The daily average flow was 0.449 million gallons per day (MGD). The maximum daily flow was 0.554 million gallons for the month.

Total effluent & deep well pumped to Seabrook golf courses for irrigation was 5.621 million gallons effluent and 14.617 million gallons deep well. Total effluent and deep well pumped to Oak Point golf course was 9.937 million gallons effluent and 1.239 million gallons deep well.

SEABROOK WATER DISTRIBUTION

SIUC delivered 32,960,782 gallons of water for the month compared to 27,072,071 gallons last year.

The Risk and Resilience assessment was submitted to the EPA for the American Water Infrastructure Act.

The Water Quality Report was completed and updated on the SIUC webpage. The link was posted (www.siuc.org/water-quality-report) in July’s billing and on Tidelines. Report and postings were submitted to DHEC and approved.

Fire Department hydrant flushing reported 4 minor issues. All were repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission was briefed on the FEMA Generator Installation project with completion projected for late August, a slight delay due to material deliveries but within the contract due date.

Holding Pond Project: The bids received were significantly above the original estimate. Original estimate from outside engineering firm: $2.86M. Lowest bid: $5.499. As a result, the Commission and Management explored various options to complete or delay the project. Management indicated that plant operations can continue without significant challenges if the project is delayed for a couple of years. A motion was made by Ferland and seconded by Smith-Jones to delay the holding pond project for 1-2 years to study alternative options and/or see if market pricing decreases.

The Management Team and the Commission continue to review an updated Developer's Agreement. Completion of the document is expected in the coming couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS
Staffing: 1 open position has been filled and interviews are in progress for the other open position.

Clarifier capital project: Due to increased equipment prices and delivery delays the price for the work has increased from $125k to $250k. The Commission and Management discussed the importance of completing this work in the coming months and explored various options. A motion was made by Ferland, seconded by Smith-Jones to purchase the parts to facilitate the work. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ferland and seconded by Smith-Jones at 10:32 to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; open meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 18th, 2021 at 9:30 am via a Zoom video conference call and in person at the SIUC Commission office.

8-18-2021
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Town Clerk