The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bannwart at 9:30 AM.

Commissioners Morawski and Vancini were in attendance as were Tommy West and Carmella Montgomery of Hawthorne Services and Chris Houghton of Louis Berger.

The minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

The financials for July were reviewed. Net income for the month was a negative $45,400 due primarily to a series of one-time expenses recorded for this period. These major expenses included fuel for the plant generator, installation of a fourth back-up generator at Pump Station 12 and professional service costs for the annual audit. Revenue for the month was below budget, primarily due to higher rainfall, which led to reduced revenue from water sales and irrigation. Mr. West said he would begin work on the 2019 budget and would have five-year projections available at the next meeting. Mr. Houghton reported that he was wrapping up action from the annual audit as well as other administrative actions related to the new Louis Berger – Hawthorne Services contract.

Mr. West provided the operations report for July. Treatment plant performance met all permit requirements. Average daily flow for the month was 562,000 gallons per day, reflecting the higher summer population on the island. The daily average for the past twelve months is 429,000 gallons per day. Work is proceeding on installation and check out of the back-up generator at Pump Station 12. Completion of this work is anticipated by the end of August, just ahead of the prime hurricane season. Mr. West reported that clearing work is underway at Cassique for six lots on Eagle Island and 28 lots in the Renoir area. He anticipates impact fees for these lots will be forthcoming. Following up on discussion at the July meeting, Mr. West reported that he had checked on business interruption insurance and that it was not applicable for SIUC operations.

Mr. West provided an update to the withdrawal permit renewal for the deep well. The current permit allows for withdrawal of 258 million gallons per year. DHEC had proposed this amount be reduced to 115 million gallons per year. After discussions with DHEC, the revised withdrawal amount has been set at 220 million gallons per year, and requests for withdrawal of additional withdrawals will be considered when conditions warrant. Relative to the Utility Commission’s request for a FEMA grant for additional pump station
back-up generators, Mr. West reported he had responded to FEMA’s request for additional supporting documentation.

There being no further business, upon a motion, second and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Date: September 19, 2018    Town Clerk