



**Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission
October 17, 2018
Town Hall**

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. Leif Dormsjo, from the Washington office of Louis Berger, also attended the meeting.

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

The financial report for September was reviewed. Ms. Montgomery reported that net income for the month was \$24,104 and that the net income for the year to date was \$48,174. Mr. West reported that there were no expenses incurred in response to Hurricane Michael.

Mr. West reported that wastewater plant performance had been good for September with all permit parameters met. Flows for the month averaged 336,000 gallons per day, much lower than average for the year of 402,000 gallons per day. One contributing factor for this lower amount was that many residents evacuated the island during Hurricane Irma. He reported that sewers were being installed in the last section of Cassique and that impact fees would be received later this year or early next year. Work needs to be finalized in Pump Station #12 for the backup generator installation. In response to Commissioner Vancini, Mr. West said that \$150,000 had been included in the draft 2019 budget for the SIUC portion of the FEMA pending grant request for 10 additional backup generators. In the event the grant is not approved, the \$150,000 would be available to purchase and install three backup generators. Mr. West reported that capital work yet to be completed this year included installation of a replacement pump in the RAS (return activated sludge) pump station and pump replacement in the ground storage tank.

Mr. West presented the draft 2019 budget. He also presented five-year projections reflecting a 5 percent rate increase and an 8 percent rate increase. Discussion of the projections and the draft budget followed. Mr. West was requested to prepare a projection for a 4 percent rate increase that could be reviewed at the next meeting. He was also requested to review the budget allocations to water and sewer to ensure that appropriate amounts were being budgeted for each of the two business lines.

Mr. Houghton reported that the engineer for the Beach Company, owner of the Kiawah River Plantation community being developed along Betsy Kerrison Parkway near the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, had approached Louis Berger about operating the wastewater plant at that location. He said he would keep the Utility Commission informed as discussions proceed.

There being no further business, upon a motion, second and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 14, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Date: November 14, 2018



Town Clerk