

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Cleveland County Water Board Room

October 12, 2021  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Donald Melton; presiding, Secretary Bill Cameron, Commissioners Amy Bridges, Tony Brooks, Bruce Martin and John Taylor and General Manager Brad Cornwell, and Attorney Tim Moore via video conference call. Vice Chairman Dewey Cook was absent.

Chairman Donald Melton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all who were in attendance and recognized Commissioner Bruce Martin who gave the invocation and Commissioner Bruce Martin led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### A. Approval of agenda:

Chairman Melton asked Commissioners if anyone had any questions related to the adoption of the agenda. Chairman Melton requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Cameron and second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

### B. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

### C. Consent Agenda:

Action Taken: Chairman Melton presented the Consent Agenda Items. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of September 14, 2021
- 3) Consideration of Ordinance Number 14-2021 Backflow and Cross Connection Control Ordinance

### D. Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented at this time.

E. New Business:

- 1) Consideration of Resolution Number 35-2021 Adopting and Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Belwood

Mr. Cornwell explained the purpose of the interlocal agreement. The Town of Belwood received ARP funding from the federal government as assistance during the pandemic. The funding received by Belwood will be shared with the District for water line improvements inside the Town of Belwood. The water lines that will be upgraded include St. Peters Church Road, Lutz Road, and Belwood Loop Road. The Town of Belwood town council has already approved the project. The shared funding will pay for half the cost of the total project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 35-2021 *Adopting and Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Belwood*

- 2) Consideration of Ordinance Number 13-2021 Belwood Water Line Improvements Project

This ordinance is the budget and appropriations for the Town of Belwood's water line improvements project. Mr. Cornwell explained that this project would take two years to complete because of the distribution of the funds from the federal government. The ARP funds are paid out in a two-part payment process.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2021 *Belwood Water Line Improvements Project*

- 3) Consideration of Resolution Number 36-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Lease Agreement with State Employees Credit Union for an ATM on property owned by Cleveland County Water

This resolution will establish the lease between the District and the State Employees Credit Union for an ATM service location at the future centrally located operations center. The operations center is currently

still the planning phase and construction has not begun yet. This lease agreement won't be effective until the operations center is constructed. The State Employees Credit Union provided the lease agreement template for this resolution and the information has been reviewed and approved by Attorney Moore. The lease will begin with a five-year term with a monthly lease payment. Mr. Cornwell explained the dimensions of an ATM machine and the space required for the ATM machine and the required utilities to operate the ATM machine. This area will be determined during or after construction and is predicted to be an area covering between 20' x 20' or 30' by 30'. Mr. Cameron asked about the location of the ATM in reference to the building. Mr. Cornwell directed Mr. Cameron to the page in the agenda packet that contained the information to his question. The location of the ATM will be far enough inside the centrally located office building parking lot to keep the traffic off the highway and allow for easy flow traffic when entering and exiting the facility.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Cameron, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 36-2021 *A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement with State Employees Credit Union for an ATM on property owned by Cleveland County Water*

- 4) Consideration of Resolution Number 37-2021 *A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Zero-Sum Contract with McLean Tank for Demolition of the Mooresboro and Upper Bald Tanks*

Mr. Cornwell shared pictures with the members of the tank locations for the Mooresboro and Upper Bald Tanks. McLean Tank is a business based out of Gastonia and contacted Mr. Earl concerning the out of service tanks in the system. The Mooresboro Tank has been out of service for several years and has no monetary value. If the District chose to dispose of the Mooresboro Tank, this process would require funding to pay for demolition and removal of the tank. McLean Tank has proposed to remove the tank at no cost to the District. McLean Tank would like to demolish the tank and repurpose the materials. Mr. Cornwell advised Mr. Earl to contact McLean Tank and inquire about interest in the Upper Bald Tank located on Bald Mountain Road. Mr. Cornwell had all the paperwork and contracts ready, when McLean Tank decided that the tanks were no

longer required for their project. McLean Tank will keep the information on file for reference for future projects. The approved resolution will be on file when McLean Tank has a need for the old water tanks. Mr. Melton inquired about the value of the property where these tanks were located. Mr. Cornwell reported the tax values for both properties.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Martin, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 37-2021 *A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Zero-Sum Contract with McLean Tank for Demolition of the Mooresboro and Upper Bald Tanks*

- 5) Consideration of Resolution Number 38-2021 *A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute on Behalf of Cleveland County Water the Engineering Agreements for the Lawndale, Fallston, and Polkville AIA Projects*

Mr. Cornwell reminded the members of last month's discussion concerning the Asset Inventory and Assessments for Lawndale, Fallston and Polkville. This resolution will execute the agreements between the District, the engineer and the corresponding towns. The Town of Fallston and the Town of Lawndale will have two agreements, one for water and one for wastewater. The Town of Polkville will only have one agreement for wastewater. The Town of Lawndale and Polkville have already approved and signed their agreements. The agreements are included in the agenda packet for reference.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Bridges, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 38-2021 *A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute on Behalf of Cleveland County Water the Engineering Agreements for the Lawndale, Fallston, and Polkville AIA Projects*

#### F. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Cornwell began with the maintenance and water plant numbers. Mr. Cornwell noted a correction discovered in the billing numbers that were provided. Mr. Cornwell noted that there are several projects currently under-

construction. This is a good opportunity to provide project updates and share current construction statuses and ask questions or mention concerns. Mr. Cornwell began with the Clearwell project and shared pictures and gave explanation of the current on-site construction taking place. The contractors have dug and leveled the area for the gravel base. Kern's Trucking hauled 180 loads, 3,100 tons of gravel to the construction site. The gravel was distributed and compacted to create the base. This base will assure that the site doesn't sink or shift in the years to come. Mr. Martin asked how the slope behind the clearwell would be maintained. Mr. Cornwell explained that the area behind the clearwell would be backfilled with concrete. Mr. Cameron asked if the clearwell would be earthquake proof. Mr. Cornwell responded that the purpose of the base is to protect the clearwell. Mr. Cornwell continued with the weir project. The river aerial pictures were shared to show the natural flow of the river. These pictures also showed the sand locations and the erosion areas. The on-site meetings have been conducted with the NC Fish & Wildlife, NC Department of Water Resources, and the Army Corps of Engineers for the permitting process. Mr. Cornwell shared the locations of the controls for the water flow on the river. Mr. Martin asked about boating access on the river. Mr. Cornwell noted that the boating access would be carried or "portaged" around the weir and placed back in the river on the other side. Mr. Cameron asked if anything unforeseen had presented itself to increase the costs of the project. Mr. Cornwell responded that there were no concerns at this time. The results of soil borings were shared with the members. Mr. Cornwell asked for questions or comments. No other questions or concerns were presented. Mr. Cornwell shared some customer compliments. Dawn Cape received an email that contained a compliment for Dawn and the email also mentioned the Senior Customer Service Representative, Jennifer Mathis.

#### G. Board Members Announcement and Remarks

Mr. Cameron noted that the General Manager evaluation would be conducted at the next board meeting and the required paperwork would need to be returned to him. Mr. Cameron noted that he had copies of the General Manager contract available for reference if needed. Mr. Martin noted appreciation for the cleaning of the property in Lawndale at the old BB&T bank on Main Street in Lawndale. Mr. Cornwell noted appreciation for the reminder about the clean-up and informed the Board that a bid process was conducted for two projects. Cloninger's Construction from Bessemer City was

awarded the bid to clean-up the old house and shed on the future Marion Street pump station location. Lawndale Sand was awarded the bid for clean up on main street in Lawndale. The fire department burned down the structures and Lawndale Sand did the clean-up. Mr. Cornwell mentioned a concern about the old mill pump station. A temporary orange fence has been placed around the location for safety. The possibility of using this location as an observatory for future Greenway plans was discussed, but for now a fence will be required because of the amount of erosion. Mr. Melton requested an update on the centrally located operations center. Mr. Cornwell updated that the USDA had some suggestions and recommendations for contract updates. The paperwork would then be submitted to the City of Shelby for permitting. The project will then be submitted for bidding.

#### H. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chairman Melton called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Taylor the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Cameron*

Bill Cameron, Secretary

