

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Cleveland County Water Board Room

April 9, 2024
Tuesday, 6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Donald Melton; presiding, Vice Chairman Bill Cameron, Secretary Amy Elliott Bridges, Commissioners Tony Brooks, Bruce Martin, and Pamela P. Maddox. General Manager Brad Cornwell and Attorney Tim Moore was present. Commissioner Pete Pedersen was absent.

Chairman Donald Melton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, welcomed all who were in attendance and recognized Commissioner Pamela Maddox 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. Martin and second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

B. Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

C. Special Presentations:

1) Update on EPA Lead and Copper Rule and System Requirements by Garrett Gilbert, Water Plant Superintendent/ORC

Mr. Cornwell recognized Mr. Gilbert who presented the new EPA lead and copper rule. He summarized the current system requirements and the actions EPA had taken since the Flint, Michigan incident in 2014. (*The power point slides from the meeting are included in the Minutes Book with the April 9, 2024 meeting items*).

2) Presentation for Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant for Stagecoach Greenway Narrows Section by Tim Johnson, Destination By Design

Mr. Cornwell recognized Mr. Johnson who presented the Narrows Section concept. He summarized the PARTF requirements and noted the elements that would go in to this design concept. The PARTF amount that will be requested is for

construction in the amount of \$500,000. He summarized the Basic Facts and Assurances page that would need to be adopted and the budget for the project along with all the grants that would be sought to help pay for the entire project.

Commissioner Maddox questioned what would happen if one of the grants wasn't acquired. Mr. Cornwell noted that CCW could apply again, turn back in other grants that were received, or decide to include our own funding. Chairman Melton questioned when the project would be finished, and Mr. Johnson noted it would be 2-3 years. Mr. Cornwell also noted that a Resolution authorizing submission, and the ability to partner with Lawndale would be adopted under Consent Agenda.

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D. Consent Agenda:

Chairman Melton requested General Manager to read and summarize each item on the Consent Agenda, which was done.

Action Taken: Chairman Melton called for a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Cameron, 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 March 12, 2024
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of February 13, 2024
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of March 12, 2024
- 4) Consideration of Resolution Number 12-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds From the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) MRF-W-ARP-0020
- 5) Consideration of Resolution Number 13-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds From the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) MRF-D-ARP-0014
- 6) Consideration of Resolution Number 14-2024 A Resolution of Tentative Award for Contract A – Polkville Area Water System Storage Tank Improvements (SRP-D-ARP-0038)
- 7) Consideration of Resolution Number 15-2024 A Resolution of Tentative Award for Contract B – Polkville Area Water System Improvements (Lines and Pump Station)
- 8) Consideration of Resolution Number 16-2024 A Resolution Approving the Local Water Supply Plan for Cleveland County Water Dated March 14, 2024 (PWSID #: 01-23-055)

- 9) Consideration of Resolution Number 17-2024 A Resolution Accepting Boomerang Design as the Most Qualified for Perform Work Related to Former BB&T Bank Building Owned by Cleveland County Water
- 10) Consideration of Resolution Number 18-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant for Stagecoach Greenway Narrows Section
- 11) Consideration of Resolution Number 19-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between Foothills Regional Commission Council of Governments and Cleveland County Water for the Provision of On-Call Services Grant Writing, Administration and Consulting Services
- 12) Consideration of Resolution Number 20-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with McGill Associates for the 2024 Capital Improvements Plan and Financial Analysis Updates
- 13) Consideration of Resolution Number 21-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Funding Offer and Acceptance from the NC Office of State Budget and Management (NC OSBM) for Cleveland County Water's Stagecoach Greenway Project From Grigg Street to Long Rock Park
- 14) Consideration of Ordinance Number 4-2024 An Ordinance Establishing a Capital Project Ordinance and Budgets for Cleveland County Water's Capital Rehab of Union Trust Bank Building Project for the Stagecoach Greenway
- 15) Consideration of Ordinance Number 5-2024 An Ordinance Amendment for a Capital Project Ordinance and Budgets for Cleveland County Water's Stagecoach Greenway Project from Grigg Street to Long Rock Park
- 16) Consideration of Ordinance Number 6-2024 An Ordinance Establishing a Capital Project Ordinance and Budgets for Cleveland County Water's Capital Improvements Plan Update, Financial Analysis, and Rate Analysis Project
- 17) Consideration of Ordinance Number 7-2024 An Ordinance Amendment for a Capital Project Ordinance and Budgets for Cleveland County Water's Flocculation and Sedimentation Improvements Project

E. Unfinished Business:

- 1) Consideration of Resolution Number 22-2024 A Supplemental Bond Order and Series Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of up to \$12,035,000 Revenue Bonds for Water System Improvements, and In Particular for Raw Water Weir Improvements

Mr. Cornwell recognized Bond Counsel Mr. Bob Jessup from Sanford Holshouser who explained the USDA Interim Financing Process. Mr. Jessup noted that the Interim Financing Process had been completed and the successful proposer was PNC Bank. The LGC has reviewed all documents. The Bond Order that is required by USDA will be adopted, and then the Interim Financing proposal will be accepted as item 2. Mr. Cornwell reminded Commissioners of CCW's intent to pay for the Engineering, thus buying down the loan. In addition, he noted the PNC proposal was for approximately 4.06% on the Interim Financing loan, but the funds would be invested in an interest-bearing account at PNC and would accrue interest of approximately 3.5%

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Cameron, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 22-2024 *A Supplemental Bond Order and Series Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of up to \$12,035,000 Revenue Bonds for Water System Improvements, and In Particular for Raw Water Weir Improvements*

2) Consideration of Resolution Number 23-2024 A Resolution Approving Interim Construction Financing for the Planned Raw Water Weir Improvements Project

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 23-2024 *A Resolution Approving Interim Financing for the Planned Raw Water Weir Improvements Project*

F. New Business:

There was no New Business presented.

G. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Cornwell introduced Ginger Fern, Finance Director, for the financial report for March which was provided. Mr. Cornwell directed Commissioners to the numbers for Customer Services, Maintenance and Water Plant. He also noted updates for the Billing Transition was ongoing and that new account numbers would be assigned, and the switch from the old website payments and telephone IVR would take place Thursday afternoon (April 11). He explicitly thanked Michelle Alexander and Ginger Fern as well as the rest

of the staff for their hard dedicated work in the Software transition. In addition, he directed Commissioners to the Special Meeting Notice at their seats and summarized the need to adopt a Special Meeting Notice for a Budget Presentation.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mrs. Bridges, second by Mr. Brooks, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Special Meeting Notice for Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

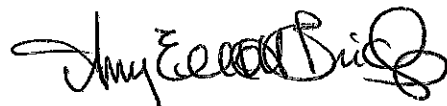
H. Board Members Announcement and Remarks

The members didn't have any questions.

I. Adjournment:

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Melton called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Elliott Bridges, Secretary

