MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ISLE OF PALMS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION OCTOBER 18, 2023

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Agenda was posted on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at City Hall, the Commission Office, and provided to *The Post and Courier*. The meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the Commission Office, 1300 Palm Boulevard on the Isle of Palms, SC.

Attending were Chairman Jay Leigh (via phone), Vice Chairman Bob Hooper, Secretary Donald Smith, Commissioner Jeff Forslund, General Manager Chris Jordan, Special Projects Administrator Bill Jenkins, Comptroller Helena Stickles, CPA, Engineer Mark Yodice, and Attorney Jennifer Blumenthal. Commissioner Curtis Helfrich, PE, and Operations Manager Shorty Meade were absent.

Vice Chairman Hooper called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Secretary Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Commission meeting of September 20, 2023. Commissioner Forslund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As there were no citizens present, Vice Chairman Hooper dispensed with the reading of the Chairman's Statement.

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins began the Manager's Report. He said that the Wild Dunes pump station project is at a standstill during the wait for the switch gear, but everything else has been completed. The Forest Trails Wild Dunes Plant Consolidation continues to remain on schedule. The switch gear has arrived and is in place. Basins are being painted, and the building is being prepared for painting.

Staff is still waiting on the permit from DHEC for the R/O Concentrate Line Extension. General Manager Jordan said that the discharge permit must be modified to note the new location before DHEC will issue a construction permit.

The City's work at the 36th Avenue outfall began yesterday. The road is closed in that area.

Staff is working with Thomas & Hutton on the Forest Trails Effluent Discharge Upgrade. Some permit modifications are expected. The Commission will work in conjunction with the City's outfall project once the permit is in hand.

Thomas & Hutton's survey crews are in the area of Sewer Basin N surveying properties and routes as staff prepares this project for permitting.

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins reported that the Commission's new website, <u>www.iopwsc.com</u>, is up and running.

General Manager Jordan shared that September's flows were normal. He referred to the startup schedule for the new plant in the meeting packet. He hopes that the pump station will be permitted to start flowing by the end of this year.

When asked about the timeline for the demolition of the Wild Dunes plant, General Manager Jordan said, "Once we go through the startup schedule and run the plant for some period of time to where we feel comfortable, it could be a couple of weeks. It could be a month, but it should not be more than a month." He said after a demolition bid is secured, it will take fewer than 3 months for the tanks to be taken down and the site cleared. He thinks everything will be completed by the end of the fiscal year, if not earlier.

Vice Chairman Hooper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Helfrich seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

Jay D. Leigh, Chairman

Date

11-15-2023