

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
ISLE OF PALMS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
APRIL 17, 2024

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Agenda was posted on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at City Hall, the Commission Office, and provided to *The Post and Courier*. The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Commission Office, 1300 Palm Boulevard on the Isle of Palms, SC.

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

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

Vice Chairman Hooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Forslund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins began the Manager's Report. He reported that performance testing for the Wild Dunes Pump Station begins on April 22. Clean water testing on the Forest Trails Plant has been completed. Some problems were found and are currently being resolved. The seeding of the plant is scheduled for April 22. Staff is working to procure a Partial Permit to Operate ahead of the seeding.

The advertisement for the R/O concentrate line project is in *The Post and Courier* today and will be posted on the SCBO (South Carolina Business Opportunities) website. The City is still working on its stormwater project at 41st Avenue. Currently, the Commission has blocked off the intersection at 41st Avenue and Waterway Boulevard to install 25 feet of casing and carrier pipe.

Staff is working on the plans for the effluent discharge project to send to DHEC for permitting. Engineer Yodice added that the project is in the permitting stage and should be under construction later this year.

Staff is working with Thomas & Hutton on the design of the pump station and force main route for Sewer Basin N. The new water main has been installed for Dewees Island Marina, but testing has not been scheduled yet.

General Manager Jordan said that staff is preparing for the busy season.

Comptroller Stickles delivered the Financial Report. She reported that the balance in the revenue bond account is \$9,691.24 as of March 31, 2024, after a transfer of \$330,000.00 on March 8. Five checks totaling \$300,887.14 were written in March.

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins is seeking an appraisal of the land at 40th Avenue that was quitclaimed to the Commission by the Beach Company. This appraisal will appear in next month's report.

The Commission earned \$22,205.00 in interest at a rate of 5.53%, which is slightly lower than last month. Some additional monies have been received from FEMA, but the remainder of the grant will be received upon the completion of the project.

As expected, budget revenues for March 2024 were under budget by \$71,704.00. Expenditures were under budget by \$108,703.00, resulting in a positive net revenue of \$36,999.00. Year-to-date revenues appear to be underperforming due to depreciation, but removing depreciation, FY24 is faring better than this time last year.

There was no Correspondence.

Chairman Leigh and the Commissioners congratulated General Manager Jordan on his thirty years of service to the Commission as of April 4, 2024.

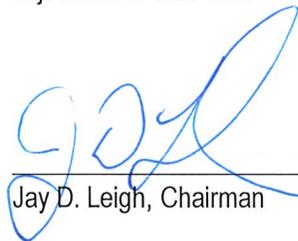
Under Old Business, Vice Chairman Hooper stated that General Manager Jordan brought to his attention that the Commission had previously approved the placement of two benches at the native plants garden on the property at 7th Avenue and Palm Boulevard. He added that the benches do have to be removed at the end of the two-year lease. Director Kerr explained that the planned anchoring of the benches will allow for relatively easy removal when necessary.

Chairman Leigh pointed out that the sign at the new plant should bear General Manager Jordan's name, and General Manager Jordan said the sign is being worked on and will reflect his name.

Under New Business, Commissioner Helfrich mentioned a new law regarding PFAS (Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances) levels in water. Commissioner Forslund explained that the State is still working on the parameters and levels of testing that will be required. He also said that the law will be phased in over a 5-year period. He added that the additional testing requirements will affect rates in the future.

Vice Chairman Hooper mentioned a recent ruling from the United States Supreme Court regarding impact fees. Attorney Blumenthal said that she will research the ruling to determine how it might apply to the Commission.

Vice Chairman Hooper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Forslund seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.



Jay D. Leigh, Chairman



Date