

Lee County Public Service Authority



October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- The Lee County Public Service Authority's Board of Directors conducted their regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the PSA office in Jonesville, Virginia.
- Chairman Bill Carter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. following the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chairman Carter performed a roll call of board members and determined a quorum was present. Participating in the meeting were board members: Bill Carter, Robert Horton, Harold Jerrell, and Greg Rasnic. Others participating were LCPSA Executive Director Tracy Puckett, LCPSA Assistant Director Mike Brindle and Jon Broskey with The Lane Group. Board member Roger Gates was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda:

- Jerrell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Rasnic and approved unanimously.

Public Expression:

- Jerry Cox from Sticklelyville approached the board concerning the Lovelady Gap – Klondike areas, requesting that the PSA board look into funding for those areas, with potentially 25-35 connections. Mr. Cox stated that the people in those areas need water. Broskey explained that Mr. Cox had reached out to him about a potential project for that area, with Broskey estimating both areas could cost as much as \$5 million, and include a tank and pump station. Broskey stated that for 25-35 connections, the \$5 million cost could be very prohibitive, estimating around \$200,000 per connection. The board agreed to look into the potential project and potential funding.

Financial Report:

- Rasnic made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, which included interest from the new CDs the PSA acquired last month. Horton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Jerrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, the August public hearing and the August special called meeting, as presented. Rasnic seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Puckett provided a brief overview of PSA operations and projects, highlighting the following during his Director's Status Report:
 - Maple Hill project – *Engineers have received Contracts and Bonds back from the contractor. A tentative pre-construction date is scheduled for November 1.*
 - Giles Hollow project – *Final connections are being made utilizing money left over from the project, including extending the line a little further onto Crockett Ridge Rd.*
 - Cross Creek/Dryden/Hickory Flats Sewer project – *At this point, the PSA will need to re-submit another funding application in hopes of receiving a better offer.*
 - St. Charles Phase III project – *The contractor has completed the project with the final drawdown to be submitted soon.*
 - Western Lee Sewer project – *Stake holders are beginning the process of collecting easements and land appraisals.*
 - Blackwater/Fairview/TN Line Extension – *This project is now complete. However, there were some remaining funds left, so the PSA is exploring options to make additional connections along Lynn Flanary Rd.*
 - Ocoonita-Smyth/Miller Chapel Interconnection – *The PSA is currently waiting on a contract from engineers.*
 - Phase III Hancock Co, TN/Lee Co, VA – *The original cost estimate was \$175,000.00 of which the PSA did receive an offer of \$109,900.00. The next step is to see if there may be any GA or TA funds available which would allow the project materials needed to be fully funded.*
- Rasnic made a motion to accept the Director's Report as presented. Horton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Under Old Business, the board ratified a poll conducted by Director Puckett to acquire an additional CD from Lee Bank & Trust, when the previous CDs were acquired, using the Filter Fund the PSA sets aside to purchase new filters for the water plants when needed. Jerrell made the motion, seconded by Rasnic and passing with Carter joining Rasnic and Jerrell in voting "yay", while Horton abstained.

New Business:

- Under New Business, the board decided by consensus to move their regular November meeting to Monday, December 4 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This will serve as the board's November and December meeting.

Adjourn:

- Horton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rasnic, and passing unanimously.