

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD JOINT WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM COMMISSION
DECEMBER 18, 2019**

Present: Roger A. Gaddy, Don Wood, Neil Robinson, Jason Taylor, Kyle Crager, Commissioners.

Others Present: C. D. Rhodes, Patti L. Davis, Ty Davenport, Chris Clauson, Laura Johnson, Brad Sanderson.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle and one hundred thirty one other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gaddy called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Chair Robinson, properly seconded by Commissioner Crager, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Crager, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

4. Territorial Maps and Planning Update - Chris Clauson

Mr. Clauson reported the Ridgeway Town Council meeting was attended last week. This will be discussed during executive session tonight.

5. Financial Adviser - C. D. Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes stated the time is fast approaching where the Commission would need to consider bringing in a financial advisor to help wade through the financial options for funding the cost of the plant. He has received information from two firms, and he is awaiting a third response. He would recommend keeping this fairly informal as the Procurement Policy allows and bring in at

least two and hopefully three potential financial advisers to give a 15-20 minute overview, essentially an introduction to their firm and the services they provide. Based on this information and any additional information requested, a decision will then be made as to who to retain. Right now, the two firms interested are Stifel and First Trion. Some dates were given by these firms for possible meetings in January or February. These dates were discussed, and decision made to hold this meeting on February 12, 2020, with February 5 as a backup date. This will also serve as the regular meeting in February.

6. FOIA Policy - C.D. Rhodes

Per Mr. Rhodes, the draft FOIA policy was discussed at the last meeting. Unless there are any suggested changes, it has been put in the form of a Resolution for adoption. Motion made by Vice Chair Robinson, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adopt Resolution 2019-02. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

7. Executive Session (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Commission may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

A. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding 208 Plan Amendments and Supporting Resolutions

B. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Adding Additional Members to Joint System

Mr. Rhodes stated as the Commission enters into executive session, FOIA requires the purpose be announced from the Chairman in addition to being listed on the agenda. At 5:11 p.m., motion made by Commissioner Crager, properly seconded by Commissioner Wood, to enter into executive session for the above stated reasons. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

At 5:58 p.m., motion made by Vice Chair Robinson, properly seconded by Commissioner Crager, to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

Motion made by Vice Chair Robinson, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Crager, for the attorney to extend a tentative offer to the Town of Ridgeway to offer two member seats on the Fairfield Joint Water & Sewer System and to acknowledge that they will be responsible for paying

the same legal amount as the Town of Winnsboro. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

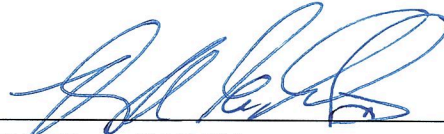
The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2020.

8. Adjournment

At 6:00 p.m., the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Vice Chair Robinson, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**



PATTI L. DAVIS
SECRETARY



ROGER A. GADDY
CHAIRMAN