

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD JOINT WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM COMMISSION  
JANUARY 14, 2020**

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

**Absent:** Neil Robinson.

**Others Present:** C. D. Rhodes, Patti L. Davis, Chris Clauson.

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 forty other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gaddy called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Commission Crager, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor, properly seconded by Commissioner Crager, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

**4. Resolution No. 2020-01: A Resolution of the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System Commission Supporting Certain Amendments of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region.**

Chairman Gaddy stated he assumes the Joint System needs to approve the revisions that were made by Ridgeway, Winnsboro and the County. Mr. Rhodes stated this Resolution is a little more involved than the Resolution considered by the County, Ridgeway and Winnsboro as those were purely in support of the 208 Amendments. This Resolution is essentially agreeing to serve in all those roles. There are some legal requirements that must be assured that the Joint System will be able to meet. It does meet all of those requirements, and these are listed in the Legal Ability Statement. Essentially,

this includes can the Joint System carry out the needs of the 208 Plan within the management area, is it authorized to provide service, is it a local government and, in short, does the Joint System meet all the requirements of the Clean Water Act to serve as a management agency for a management area. Ultimately, Chairman Gaddy will sign the Willingness Statement, which is essentially the willingness of the agency to serve in this role. Mr. Rhodes will then sign the Legal Ability Statement stating the Joint System meets the basic legal requirements to serve as a management agency. Commissioner Crager stated he would recommend a couple of revisions to Exhibit A. He had a problem initially distinguishing the service area, and Mr. Rhodes agreed that the small copy is difficult to distinguish. However, it is easier to delineate on the larger map. For the purposes of the meeting tomorrow, the documents should be okay, and everything that has been adopted so far has included this exhibit. If needed, it can be changed in the future. Commissioner Taylor stated in the Resolution signed by the County last night, it appeared to him there was some flexibility in the Resolution as long as it is located in the general vicinity. Motion made by Commission Taylor, properly seconded by Commissioner Wood, to approve Resolution 2020-01. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

## **5. Financial Adviser Update - C. D. Rhodes**

At the last meeting, February 5 or February 12 was decided on for the next meeting to have the financial advisers present. Mr. Rhodes has been in contact with and spoken extensively with both companies, and they have stated both dates work for them. Mr. Rhodes additionally has an email drafted that gives very brief terms along with the history of the entity and what the current plan is to be able to present something to the State. Also included is a summary of what is needed from them giving the ideas and issues the Joint System is primarily interested in hearing about. They will not talk specifics, but instead will discuss their experience with utilities who are first time issuers, the process of getting new entities off the ground and modeling complicated financing with many different pieces. They can speak to particular experience they have in dealing with similar type projects that can then inform the Commission's decision as to which direction to go. Mr. Rhodes has asked that the presentations be limited to no more than 30 minutes. The Joint System will hear from one firm, they can then depart the meeting, and then the next firm can present. The decision does not have to be made at the next meeting, and any follow up questions can be given to Mr. Rhodes.

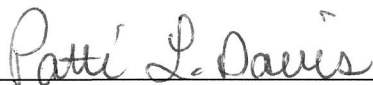
Chairman Gaddy inquired of the time table on the 208. Per Mr. Clauson, there is a preliminary meeting tomorrow to present in rough terms what the Joint

System is asking for. There could be a special called meeting in February or March, but the regular hearing month is April. Hopefully, by April the Joint System will have settled where the plant will go. Per Mr. Taylor, the County is still actively looking at other sites for the plant. Mr. Taylor also stated Commerce has been contacted, and they are very happy with the developments and urged the County to proceed as quickly as possible with acquisition of the site, engineering services and the EPAC. They are anticipating this will be a multi-year allocation. The initial cost when this process began years ago was in the range of \$100M plus. However, the cost now is down to the \$30M to \$40M range. Initially, the cost was mainly for lines with hook-up to Columbia or Richland, thereby not creating any new capacity for the County. Discussion ensued, and February 12, 2020, was decided upon for the next meeting date.

**6. 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.)**

**7. Adjournment**

At 5:20 p.m., the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Commission Crager, properly seconded by Commissioner Taylor. ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0.*** Vice Chair Robinson arrived at the end of the meeting having been caught in traffic.



PATTI L. DAVIS  
SECRETARY



ROGER A. GADDY  
CHAIRMAN