

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
ISLE OF PALMS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
OCTOBER 16, 2024

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Agenda was posted on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at City Hall, the Commission Office, and provided to *The Post and Courier*. The meeting was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the Commission Office, 1300 Palm Boulevard on the Isle of Palms, SC.

Attending were Chairman Jay Leigh, Vice Chairman Bob Hooper, Secretary Donald Smith, Commissioner Curtis Helfrich, PE, Commissioner Jeff Forslund, General Manager Chris Jordan, Special Projects Administrator Bill Jenkins, Operations Manager Shorty Meade, Engineer Mark Yodice, and Attorney Jennifer Blumenthal. Comptroller Helena Stickles, CPA, 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 September 18, 2024 Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Forslund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As there was a citizen present, the Chairman's Statement was read.

Mr. Frederick Allison, who resides at 10 30th Avenue, stated that he would like to tie into the sewer system. Due to the small size of his lot, the only place the grinder pump will fit is in the middle of his front yard. He asked the Commission to consider "number one, that we could utilize some of the SCDOT easement as our easement for the 15x15 only because it seems like that 15x15 is strictly access to the pump. And if the land in their easement is from the road to the pump and it is just walkway, I am imagining, I don't see that the overlap would make that much difference. But that is number one, and number two would be that we could mount the disconnect and the alarm on the column on our house instead of on a wooden stand adjacent to it."

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins began the Manager's Report. He said that staff is still waiting for the completion of the punch list at the Wild Dunes Pump Station. Record drawings have been received and are being reviewed. The station is operating as designed.

All flows are being treated at the Forest Trails plant. There are some issues with the generator and UV system that the contractor needs to resolve before final acceptance. The Wild Dunes plant is offline, and the tanks are being drained. The centrifuge is operational, and one full can of dried sludge has been produced.

The engineers have done an informal walk-through of the Forest Trails plant and created a preliminary punch list. Chairman Leigh inquired about cracks in the stucco. Special Projects Administrator Jenkins responded that there are no foundation issues.

Triad Engineering has mobilized to begin work on the R/O Concentrate Line Extension.

The Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has reviewed and approved the post-bid construction documents for the Forest Trails Effluent Discharge Upgrade. They have been forwarded to Eadie's for signing.

Staff prepared their comments on the plans for Sewer Basin N and sent them to Thomas & Hutton.

Bacteriological sampling has been done on the Dewees Island Water Main. Special Projects Administrator Jenkins believes that Dewees Island is ready to request a Permit to Operate from DHEC.

Submittals for the sewer extension at 605/608 Carolina Boulevard have been reviewed and returned to the contractor with comments. Letters to the affected customers have been sent out. The project should start in about four weeks and will then take four weeks to complete.

Some water line replacement is anticipated in Wild Dunes next year.

Commissioner Helfrich asked about odors emanating from the new plant. General Manager Jordan said the tanks were open for a few days to bring them online, but they are now closed. The smell should have dissipated by now.

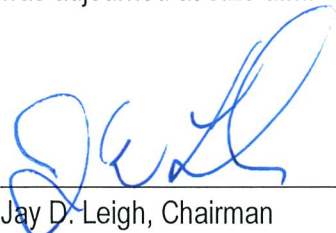
General Manager Jordan said that flows are back to normal levels. All wastewater is being treated at the Forest Trails plant. Water losses are trending down. Staff is waiting on the demolition permits for the Wild Dunes station. Once those are received, the project will go out for bid. They will start cleaning out the tanks at the Wild Dunes station in the next few weeks.

In Comptroller Stickle's absence, General Manager Jordan delivered the Financial Report. Cash reserves earned \$13,920.00 in interest last month. The balance in the bond series checking account is \$40,428.60 as of 9/30/2024. One check was written last month in the amount of \$11,709.47.

September 2024 revenues were \$193,158.00 over budget, and September expenditures were \$59,909.00 under budget, resulting in a positive net revenue of \$253,067.00. Year-to-date revenues are over-performing last year by \$45,000.00.

The request from Mr. Allison as well as a letter from Secretary Smith's neighbor will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

Vice Chairman Hooper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Forslund seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.



Jay D. Leigh, Chairman

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Date