

## SOUTH ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Proposed Minutes: South Island PSD Commission Meeting of July 25, 2023, at the South Island Public Service District's Conference Room at 2 Genesta St. at 8:01 a.m.

Present:	Alan Jackson, Chairman	Staff: Papu Tafao
	Gary Gaynor	Tamara Munson
	David Martin	Heather Boggess
	James Vaughn	Eddie Nettles
	Pamela Owens	
	John Phalen	

Absent: Tom DeMint  
J.R. Richardson, Jr.

Legal: Jon Eggert

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1. **Review Minutes of June 27, 2023-** The minutes for the June 27, 2023, meeting were reviewed and upon motion made by Mr. Vaughn, and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.
  2. **Finance Director Update-** Mrs. Munson stated the fiscal year 2023 audit will begin July 31st. We ended the year at approximately \$2.1 million positive prior to final audit adjustments, which will help to offset cost overruns on projects. The District collected about \$2.3 million in interest income on the bond funds. She also noted we were approximately \$1 million over budget in water consumption revenue due to higher flows and the rate increases. Mrs. Munson noted the final audit report should be ready to be presented at the September meeting.

3. **General Manager Update-**

**CIP - 57 Greenwood Piping:** Mr. Tafao stated currently construction is right at Lawton Stables along Plantation Dr. This section should be done in 2-3 weeks. He also noted that the section from the Lighthouse Rd. intersection at Plantation Dr. to Calibogue Cay should be online next week. He stated after the pipe installation at the Lawton Stables area, there will be connections at the intersection of Greenwood Dr. and Plantation Dr. to finish up.

**CIP-71 High Service Pump Station:** Mr. Tafao stated the floor is done and a lot of the tie ins on the piping surrounding the tank is done. He noted we are waiting for the masonry contractor to come and then the building of the walls will start.

**CIP 72 Pipelines Wexford ROWTP to Highway 278:** Mr. Tafao stated once CIP 57 is done, a change order will be made for CIP 72 Phase 2, that runs from the CSA office all the way to the new plant. He stated construction will start on the side closest to the CSA office and go through the Santee Cooper easements first. He stated the reason for the change order is because he would like to keep the crew from CIP 57 since they have done such a good job.

**CIP-75 Cretaceous & UFA Well:** Mr. Tafao stated 3,800 feet has been reached with the pilot drilling. He noted they ran tests to determine the location of the screens down in the well. He stated around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August they will start reaming the hole to 24" diameter. He also stated the

UFA well is complete and we are waiting on some temporary buildings. He noted once the buildings are in, the UFA well will be online temporarily until the RO Plant is complete.

**CIP 86 New ROWTP:** Mr. Tafao stated this project is still in the design phase.

4. **Election of Officers-** Mr. Jackson stated the election of officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary) is conducted every 3 years in July. He noted 2 commissioners are absent. A motion was made by Mr. Phalen and seconded to table the election until the next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Executive Session-** A motion to enter executive session was made by Mr. Phalen at 8:23 a.m. to discuss legal matters. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughn to end the executive session at 8:41 a.m. No action was taken.
6. **Other Business- 1)** Mr. Vaughn asked Mr. Tafao if the District had any exposure to PFAS, also known as forever chemicals (fire retardant chemicals, etc.), in our water. Mr. Tafao stated we do not have any in our source water. After some discussion, Mr. Vaughn suggested something be included in our newsletter and our website regarding this. Mrs. Ovens stated she is working to eliminate PFAS chemical use on the Island. **2)** Mr. Martin stated last week he sold 63 pallets of plastic 24 pack bottled waters at the Piggly Wiggly here on the South End of Hilton Head. He stated this is a lot of non-recyclable plastic. He stated after joining this Board and realizing how wonderful the water is here at South Island PSD, he and his friend have joined together to distribute reusable stainless-steel bottles of water weekly to the short-term rental property companies here on the South end. He noted they have a company that will make personalized bottles and they hope to get this done in the next 6-8 months. He stated the bottles will have a necktie on them suggesting guests refill them with South Island PSD water.
7. There being no further business, Mr. Phalen made a motion that was seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

*HEATHER BOGGESS*

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Heather Boggess, Recording Secretary