

The regular Commission meeting of the SJWD Water District was held at 198 White Star Point, Spartanburg, South Carolina with the following present:

Commissioners: *Barry Frost, Brian Leonard, and Frank Nutt.* Buddy Carlton and Wanda Fowler were absent.

Staff: *Billy Cothran, Larry Christopher, Kim Fortner, Jeff Diaz, Josh Fulmer, Corey Bennett, Julie Gillespie, and Cam Miller.*

Guests: *Eddie Tallon* from The Tallon Group

The agenda for the meeting was emailed to WSPA TV and the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* and posted in the lobby and on SJWD's website.

Frank Nutt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Nutt opened the floor for public comment.

Eddie Tallon shared the Bill designating the first Monday of March as the Water Professional Day has been approved. The Governor will host a ceremonial signing on February 29, 2024 at the State House in Columbia.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

UPDATE/STATUS: MONTHLY FINANCIAL AND OPEN CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Staff provided the monthly financials and capital projects report to the commission for January 2024.

PROPERTY UPDATES

Billy Cothran provided an update/information on the following properties:

- Upward Property Purchase and Wellford Property Sale – Renovations at the Administration building are progressing well and we should be functioning in the building by the first part of April. The closing with the City of Wellford is scheduled for May 1 and then we have 6 weeks after that date to get everything moved and ready for Wellford to take possession.

- Berry Shoals Property - Slides were presented showing the safe yield of the Middle Tyger River, North Tyger River, and South Tyger River. Also, potential capital expenses associated with preserving the Berry Shoals and Berry's Pond areas were presented. All was shared to give the commission further insight on the potential water resource, property uses, and related expenses. Barry Frost asked for a new safe yield analysis for the South Tyger River.
- Startex to Lyman Trail – The Partners for Active Living (PAL) has inquired about the use of SJWD properties for the extension of trails from the planned Startex section into the proposed Lyman section.

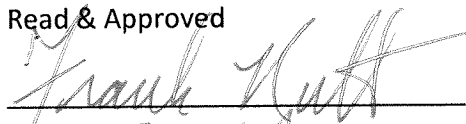
MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


- Jeff Diaz gave the commission an update on SJWD IT projects, cybersecurity, customer service, field services, and the impact of each in the various areas of the organization.
- Ethics forms are due from each Commission by the end of March.
- The Budget Workshop will be on April 9, 2024 9am-Noon.

At 12:33 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved





Wanda Fowler
Secretary