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

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

Staff: Kim Fortner, Billy Cothran, Larry Christopher, Julie Gillespie, and Jeff Diaz.

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 9:08 a.m.

DISCUSS FYE2025 BUDGET/CIP

Larry Christopher gave the commission a general summary of the budget informing them of the key factors influencing the proposed budget levels. Larry and Kim went over the list of capital projects that are proposed for FY2025 budget year and in the 5-year planning period. Larry informed the commission of the current head count and the number of additional employees that are proposed in the budget and the main driver behind the increase in personnel.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Billy Cothran gave the commission an overview of the initial draft of the wholesale agreement with Spartanburg Water. Billy presented possible term conditions and yearly rate increases of the agreement. Billy explained that the agreement would have a two-phase approach with the first phase not involving the existing Whitlock plant. The second phase would involve upgrades to the Whitlock plant.

At 11:52 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler

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Secretary