

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, Frank Nutt, and Buddy Carlton.* Wanda Fowler was absent.

**Staff:** *Billy Cothran, Larry Christopher, Kim Fortner, Josh Fulmer, Bradley Norman, and Cam Miller.*

**Guests:** *Eddie Tallon* from The Tallon Group, *C.D. Rhodes* from Pope Flynn, and *Leith McLeod* from PAL Spartanburg.

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.

Buddy Carlton called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA**

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt, to amend the agenda for the timing of the Executive Session. The motion was approved.

**RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Buddy Carlton opened the floor for public comment. Eddie Tallon briefed the Commission on the state budget approval and run-off elections. He also requested that SJWD provide him with any direction for additional legislation as the new legislative cycle begins in January.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET AND CIP PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonard, to open a public hearing for members of the public to be heard about the operating budget and CIP plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The motion was approved. No one from the public appeared before the Commission to be heard.

Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to close the public hearing. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET AND CIP PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the operating budget and CIP plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Barry Frost made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Nutt to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024 regular meeting as written. The motion was approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE**

At 10:48 a.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Brian Leonard, to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual agreement concerning wholesale water service and receive legal advice concerning financing options. The motion was approved.

At 12:11 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to exit the Executive Session. The motion was approved.

**ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brian Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Barry Frost, to authorize Billy Cothran to execute the wholesale purchase agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Buddy Carlton opened the floor for officer nominations.

Frank Nutt nominated Wanda Fowler for the position of Secretary, which was seconded by Barry Frost. The motion was approved.

Buddy Carlton nominated Frank Nutt for the position of Vice Chairman, which was seconded by Barry Frost. The motion was approved.

Frank Nutt nominated Buddy Carlton for the position of Chairman, which was seconded by Barry Frost. 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 May 2024.

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2024

Read & Approved

Frank Natt  
Bruce Cantor  
By [Signature]  
[Signature]

Wanda Fowler  
Secretary

Wanda Fowler  
absent

**PROPERTY UPDATES**

- Billy Cothran explained that the move to the new building is complete except for a few minor items.
- An open house for the new building is planned for Thursday, June 27, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- The newly purchased Berry's Pond property (including the old Bait and Tackle Shop) is being improved to provide safe access from Berry Shoals Road.
- Brian Leonard asked about vegetation removal from the lakes. Staff informed the Commission that vegetation removal is proceeding while conditions are favorable.

**PAL SPARTANBURG (PLAY/ACTIVATE/LIVE WELL) – DISCUSS WALKING TRAIL ON SJWD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Leith McLeod from PAL Spartanburg provided an update on the formation of a section of walkways connecting the Middle Tyger Library to Startex. It is part of a larger trail system in Spartanburg County. PAL is interested in entering into an agreement with SJWD regarding an easement for a portion of the cross-country raw water line right-of-way that connects Groce Road in Lyman to Finch Road in Startex. Mr. McLeod will return for approval of the SJWD agreement once the other property owners affected have agreed to the easement.

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Buddy Carlton asked staff to research how other public organizations compensated their Commissioners for consideration at the next meeting.
- Barry Frost asked staff to update the Commissioners on the strategic plan for replacing galvanized pipe.
- Staff informed the Commissioners that the Rural Infrastructure Authority approved SJWD application for a matching \$1,000,000 grant to replace galvanized line in the Green Acres area of the District and provide fire protection.

At 1:16 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 Monday, July 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.