

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

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

Staff: *Billy Cothran, Larry Christopher, Josh Fulmer, Julie Gillespie, Jeff Diaz, Jamie Jordan, Corey Bennett, Ivonne Osorno, Dusty Peace, Katie Clark, and Cam Miller.*

Guests: *Marsha Madore, Lyman Lake Resident
Eddie Tallon, The Tallon Group*

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

Buddy Carlton called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Tallon updated the Commission on the South Carolina legislative calendar and current water-related and public utility topics being discussed and considered in relation to SJWD.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to approve the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: MONTHLY FINANCIAL AND OPEN CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Staff provided the monthly financials and capital projects report to the Commission for December 2024.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF NEW CUT ROAD TAP OVER PROJECT

Staff requested approval for funding the tap-over project related to the New Cut Road waterline project being installed by SJWD's line crew. Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the New Cut Road tap-over project not to exceed \$147,000 for the cost of materials.

POLICY REVIEW: NON-FLOATING STRUCTURES

Billy Cothran gave expanded information and current recommendations regarding the Non-Floating Structure Policy for Lyman Lake. Staff recommendations include:

1. Allow repairs to non-floating structures that have less than 50% damage to the entire structure, including parts of the structure normally below water (ex. pilings/piers). All repair work must be permitted and approved by SJWD and in conformance with all SJWD policies.
2. Require demolition and removal of any non-floating structure that is more than 50% damaged or in a state of dilapidation or disrepair.
3. Increase incentive to demolish and remove non-floating structures by reimbursing owners up to \$5,000 of the structure’s demolition and removal costs. Appropriate documentation will be required.
4. Non-floating structures, regardless of condition, will not be allowed to be demolished and rebuilt.

Marsha Madore was recognized and spoke to the Commissioners about her concerns.

Commissioners requested staff continue to develop a formal policy for approval at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION NEAR WHITE STAR POINT**
- b. **TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

At 11:57 a.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to enter Executive Session to discuss potential property transaction and personnel matter. The motion was approved.

At 12:55 p.m., Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Frank Nutt, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to increase the Chief Executive Officer’s base pay by the amount discussed in Executive Session. The motion was approved.

Commissioners authorized Billy Cothran to continue negotiations on the property near White Star Point based on the discussions in Executive Session.

At 1:01 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Read & Approved

Frank Witt
Buddy Carter

Wanda Fowler
Secretary

Wanda Fowler
Wanda Fowler

Signature information:

Brian Howard absent Jan 21st, 2025
 Barry Frost absent Feb. 18th, 2025

