

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION  
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday, October 17, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Greenville Utilities Commission met in the Greenville Utilities Board Room in regular session at 12:00 noon with the following members, and others present, and Chair Griffin presiding.

Commission Board Members Present:

Lindsey Griffin	Mark Garner
Ferrell L. Blount III	Dr. Wanda D. Carr
Justin Fuller	Dillon Godley
Peter Geiger	

Michael Cowin had an excused absence.

Commission Staff Present:

Tony Cannon, General Manager/CEO (via conference call)	
Chris Padgett	Kevin Keyzer
Jeff McCauley	Tony Godwin
Phil Dixon	Amanda Wall
John Worrell	Paige Wallace
David Springer	Lou Norris
Richie Shreves	Brooke Norton
Andy Anderson	Brandon Cox
Anthony Miller	Julius Patrick
Ken Wade	Travis Welborn
Colleen Sicley	Jacob Barnes
Durk Tyson	Brooks Nobles
Scott Mullis	Ryan Gregory
Steve Hawley	Lena Preville
Scott Farmer	

Others Attending:

Ginger Livingston, The Daily Reflector, and Jeff Monico, The Sierra Club.

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order. Secretary Blount ascertained that a quorum was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Geiger, seconded by Dr. Carr, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY BRIEF

Mr. Kevin Keyzer, Operations Support Manager, provided a safety brief and explained the plan of action should there be an emergency at today's meeting. Mr. Keyzer stated that October is fire safety month and expressed the importance of knowing how to use a fire extinguisher by using the PASS (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep) method.

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT STAFF

Mr. David Springer, Director of Water Resources, introduced Water Treatment Plant Facility Manager Julius Patrick to present the awards. Mr. Patrick stated that the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association recently recognized two Water Treatment Plant employees for their service to GUC, the community, and the water industry. Brooke Norton received the Lab

Analyst of the Year Award, and Brandon Cox received the B-Surface Operator of the Year Award. Mr. Patrick expressed his gratitude for the hard work of both employees in helping meet water quality goals and providing the highest water quality to our customers each year. He also shared that over the last 20 years, fourteen employees have been recognized by the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association.

RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION’S SMART ENERGY PROVIDER AWARD

Mr. John Worrell, Director of Electric Systems, expressed that GUC was recognized recently by the American Public Power Association (APPA) for the Smart Energy Provider award. Mr. Worrell introduced Mr. Jacob Barnes, Engineer I, to provide background on the award. Mr. Barnes explained that the Smart Energy Provider (SEP) Award recognizes a utilities efforts in corporate efficiency, stability, and their best work practices. A rigorous online application must be completed to show evidence of their commitment to smart energy information, energy efficiency and distributed energy resources (DERs), environmental and sustainability programs/initiatives, as well as communication and education to enhance customer experience. Mr. Barnes specified that the SEP designation is active from 2024 – 2027, and GUC plans to re-apply in 2026 to retain the designation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Chris Padgett presented the following items for approval on the consent agenda:

- (Agenda Item 1) Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2024
- (Agenda Item 2) Consideration of Resolution Supporting the Local Water Supply Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Garner seconded by Dr. Carr, to approve the consent agenda as amended, correcting the name Geiger to Griffin in the first paragraph. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service or that plans to provide public water service and each large community water system shall, either individually or together with other units of local government and large community water systems, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for Greenville Utilities Commission, has been developed and submitted to the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners finds that the Local Water Supply Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for Greenville Utilities Commission, as well as useful information to the Department of Environmental Quality for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners of Greenville Utilities Commission that the Local Water Supply Plan entitled, Greenville Utilities Commission Local Water Supply Plan dated 2023, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 at Greenville, North Carolina.

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/s/ Lindsey Griffin  
Chair

ATTEST:

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/s/ Ferrell Blount III  
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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/s/ Phillip R. Dixon  
General Counsel

RECOMMENDED AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WATER CAPITAL PROJECT (WCP-10039), WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROGRAM – PHASE III PROJECT (Agenda Item 3)

Mr. Springer introduced Water Resources Systems Engineer Travis Welborn. Mr. Welborn explained that the existing water distribution system dates to 1905 when the first cast iron water mains were placed into service. Many of the cast iron mains that were constructed in the early twentieth century are still in service today. Cast iron pipe was the predominant material used in construction of the water distribution system until the 1960's. Since that time, most of the water mains constructed in the GUC system have utilized either fibrous cement or polyvinyl chloride pipe materials. However, approximately 81 miles of the total 721 miles of distribution system piping is cast iron pipe. The Water Main Rehabilitation Program Phase I study identified approximately 9 miles of cast iron as high priority for rehabilitation.

Mr. Welborn stated the Board approved the Water Main Rehabilitation Program Phase I in December 2014. Subsequent planning, design and construction of Phase I was completed in December 2018. The first phase included a detailed assessment of the condition of the water system and a prioritized schedule of rehabilitation and replacement was developed and is updated with each phase. Phase I rehabilitated approximately 0.5 miles of water main along 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Forbes Street to College Hill Road. Phase II reviewed the prioritized list and selected approximately 2,000 linear feet of watermain along Howell Street, as well as 400 linear feet along Evans Street for rehabilitation design and construction.

He explained that Phase III construction will include lining approximately 9,100 LF of cast iron water mains on S. Elm St., East Fifth St., East Third St., S. Eastern St., and West Fourth St. It will also include the lining of approximately 8,900 LF of fibrous cement water main along East Fifth St. The water mains lined in Phase III will be lined with a Class III spray in place pipe instead of the Class IV cured in place pipe, which was utilized in Phases I and II, which is a less expensive solution and allows the Contractor to line more pipe. The project was formally bid on September 26, 2024, with three bids received. The low bid was received from Insituform Technologies, LLC of Chesterfield, MO in the amount of \$3,823,135.00.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Godley seconded by Mr. Geiger, to adopt the resolution of tentative award and authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$3,823,135.00, as well as the authority to award additional work to Insituform Technologies LLC for a total contract price not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

RESOLUTION OF TENTATIVE AWARD

**WHEREAS**, The Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, North Carolina a body politic duly chartered by the State of North Carolina, (the "Commission") has received bids, pursuant to duly advertisement notice therefore, for construction of the Water Main Rehabilitation Project Phase III, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission Consulting Engineers have reviewed the bids; and

**WHEREAS**, Insituform Technologies, LLC of Chesterfield, MO was the lowest bidder for the construction of the Water Main Rehabilitation Project Phase III, in the total bid amount of \$3,823,135.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the consulting Engineers recommend **TENTATIVE AWARD** to the lowest bidder(s)

**WHEREAS**, the total project budget of \$6,000,000.00 exceeds the bid price of \$3,823,135.00, and the Commission desires to incorporate additional work to utilize available funding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT TENTATIVE AWARD** is made to the lowest bidder(s) in the Total Bid Amount of \$3,823,135.00, and the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to award additional work such that the total contract price does not exceed \$5,000,000.00.

<b>Name of Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1. <u>Insituform Technologies, LLC</u>	\$3,823,135.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such TENTATIVE AWARD** be contingent upon the approval of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 at Greenville, North Carolina.

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/s/Lindsey Griffin  
Chair

ATTEST:

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/s/Ferrell Blount III  
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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/s/Phillip R. Dixon  
General Counsel

**CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Executive Secretary of the Greenville Utilities Commission (Commission) does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution tentatively awarding a contract to the stated contractor, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Commission duly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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/s/Amy Wade, Executive Secretary

**REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**  
**(PRELIMINARY) (Agenda Item 4)**

Key financial metrics for the combined funds for the period ending September 30, 2024.

Operating Cash	\$78,369,535	Days of Cash on Hand	111
Less Current Liabilities	<u>(\$24,442,784)</u>		
Fund Balance	\$53,926,751	Days of Cash on Hand After Liabilities	77

Fund Balance Available for Appropriation: 18.2%  
Average Investment Yield: 3.58%

Fund Equity/Deficit Before Transfers

	Current Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
<b>Electric</b>	(\$973,192)	(\$915,889)	(\$1,282,832)	(\$4,741)	(\$1,137,234)	\$134,602
<b>Water</b>	\$409,043	\$253,790	(\$69,287)	\$1,021,896	\$669,759	\$421,960
<b>Sewer</b>	\$537,050	\$337,937	\$407,798	\$1,314,598	\$706,768	\$895,294
<b>Gas</b>	(\$374,616)	(\$1,052,830)	(\$144,036)	(\$1,316,239)	(\$2,860,168)	(\$1,035,178)
<b>Combined</b>	<b>(\$401,715)</b>	<b>(\$1,376,992)</b>	<b>(\$1,088,357)</b>	<b>\$1,015,514</b>	<b>(\$2,620,875)</b>	<b>\$416,678</b>

Fund Equity/Deficit After Transfers

	Current Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
<b>Electric</b>	(\$973,192)	(\$415,889)	\$217,168	(\$4,741)	\$362,766	\$1,634,602
<b>Water</b>	\$271,546	\$174,623	(\$469,287)	\$784,399	\$432,262	\$21,960
<b>Sewer</b>	\$487,050	\$296,270	\$157,798	\$1,164,598	\$581,771	\$645,294
<b>Gas</b>	(\$374,616)	(\$1,202,830)	(\$144,036)	(\$1,316,239)	(\$3,310,168)	(\$1,035,178)
<b>Combined</b>	<b>(\$589,212)</b>	<b>(\$1,147,826)</b>	<b>(\$238,357)</b>	<b>\$628,017</b>	<b>(\$1,933,369)</b>	<b>\$1,266,678</b>

Mr. Jeff McCauley, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the Preliminary Financial Statement for September 30, 2024.

The weather impact for the month of September 2024 indicated that the September Cooling Degree Days were higher than last year. The September rainfall was approximately 7.57 inches which was higher than last year. The portfolio earned 3.58% for the month of September.

Overall year-to-date results through the end of September remain stable. The Electric Rate Stabilization Reserves are approximately \$14.2 million, and the Gas Rate Stabilization Reserves are \$6.7 million. The Operating Reserves are 111 Days Cash on Hand, and Renewals and Replacements Reserves are approximately \$2.6 million. The Capital Project Funds Reserved for Existing and Future Capital Projects are approximately \$11.6 million.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Geiger, seconded by Mr. Godley, to accept the September 2024, Preliminary Statement. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON GUC ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (Agenda Item 5)

Mr. Chris Padgett, Assistant General Manager/Chief Administration Officer, explained that earlier this calendar year, former Commissioner Stoughton requested a report on environmental stewardship at GUC. Mr. Padgett explained that the staff agreed it was important to gather information in this area, and the Public Information Office was tasked with bringing the information together into a brochure, having the information easily accessible on GUC's website, and developing a communications plan.

Mr. Padgett introduced Mr. Steve Hawley, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer, to share some of the highlights of GUC's environmental initiatives. Mr. Hawley explained that this report included information from fiscal year 2023, and the report can be found on GUC's website under the Clean Future. He provided some projects that resulted in environmental gains such as: GUC's energy supplier has reduced carbon emissions by 46% since 2005, the Beat the Peak program, replacing old diesel generators with natural gas burning generators, CNG Fueling Station, switching industrial customers from fuel oils to the use of natural gas, superpulsator at the Water Plant, and the Conservation Easement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. GUC reduced CO2 emissions by an estimated 2,851 tons in 2023.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Agenda Item 6)

1. Informational Reading

Bids, Re-Bids, Ranking of Proposals, Tabulation of Qualifications, Statistical Data Report, Sewer Spill Tracking Report, Load Management Report, and PGA Report were provided.

The Bids awarded by the General Manager/CEO during the past month was reported for information:

**TABULATION OF QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED**

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HVAC SYSTEM  
MAY 30, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

<b><u>VENDOR QUALIFICATION RANKING</u></b>
NV5 Engineering and Consultants, Inc.*
The East Group, P.A.

\* Indicates recommended negotiations based on the vendor's submitted qualifications.

**RANKING OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

PAYMENT VENDOR  
JULY 30, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

<b><u>VENDOR PROPOSAL RANKING</u></b>
Catalis Payments, LLC *
Paymentus Corporation
DivDat, Inc.

\* Indicates recommended vendor to negotiate a contract.

ONE COPIER/ PRINTER  
AUGUST 6, 2024 @ 11:00 AM

<b><u>VENDOR PROPOSAL RANKING</u></b>
Copy Pro, Inc. *
System Business Equipment
Advanced Office Solutions

\* Indicates recommended vendor to negotiate a contract.

**RE-BIDS RECEIVED**

HUDSON SUBSTATION SITE WORK  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

<b>VENDORS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ernie Everett Site Prep, Inc.	\$481,166.00*
S.T. Wooten Corporation	614,320.00
Lainer Construction Company, Inc.	683,881.00

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.



**BIDS RECEIVED**

TREE TRIMMING SERVICES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

VENDORS	TOTAL
Burford's Tree Service, LLC.	\$479,750.20*
BDG Trees, LLC.	575,400.00
Kendall Vegetation Services	773,744.95

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.

18,400lbs. – WIRE 1/0 ACSR GUC STK# 204570,  
15,000' – WIRE, 4/0 600 VOLT UG TRIPLEX GUC STK# 201260,  
10,000' - WIRE, #6U.G. TRIPLEX GUC STK# 205950,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 1/0 ACSR	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #2)	Southwire	7	\$2.042	\$37,572.80*
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #1)	Priority	1	2.18	40,112.00
Border States Electric	King	1	2.30	42,793.80
Womack Electric Supply	Encore	2	2.550625	46,931.50
DP Wire & Cable, LLC	Prominent	22-24	2.01	36,984.00(1)
American Wire Group, LLC	AWG	1	2.60	47,840.00(1)
Bell Electrical Supply Co., Inc.	Nehring	5-6	3.2440125	59,689.83(1)

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 4/0 600V UG TRIPLEX	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #2)	Southwire	1	\$1.693	\$25,395.00*
Border States Electric	King	1	2.00	30,000.00
Womack Electric Supply	Encore	2	2.41	36,150.00
DP Wire & Cable, LLC	Prominent	22-24	1.85	27,750.00(1)
Bell Electrical Supply Co., Inc.	Paramount	1-2	2.123	31,845.00(1)
American Wire Group, LLC	AWG	1	2.20	33,000.00(1)

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE #6U.G. TRIPLEX	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #2)	Priority	1	\$0.361	\$3,610.00*
Border States Electric	King	1	0.72	7,200.00
Womack Electric Supply	Encore	2	0.84	8,400.00
DP Wire & Cable, LLC	Prominent	22-24	0.47	4,700.00(1)
American Wire Group, LLC	AWG	1	0.405	4,050.00(1)
Bell Electrical Supply Co., Inc.	Paramount	1-2	0.631	6,310.00(1)

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.

(1) Indicates vendor is not an approved source.

28,000' - CONDUIT, 2" PVC SCH 40 GUC STK# 202570,  
 15,000' - CONDUIT, 3" PVC SCH 40 GUC STK# 206050,  
 17,100' - CONDUIT, 4" PVC SCH 40 STK# 202580,  
 SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 2" PVC SCH 40	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc.	Southern Pipe	1-2	\$0.944	\$26,432.00*
Capital Electric Supply	Southern Pipe	2	1.10	30,800.00
Womack Electric Supply	Ipex	2	1.14	31,920.00
Border States Electric	Cantex	2-3	1.18	33,040.00
Bell Electric Supply Co., Inc.	Atkore	1	1.187	33,236.00
Graybar Electric Company, Inc.	Southern Pipe	3	1.1949	33,457.20

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 3" PVC SCH 40	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc.	Southern Pipe	1-2	\$1.807	\$27,105.00*
Capital Electric Supply	Southern Pipe	2	2.115	31,725.00
Womack Electric Supply	Ipex	2	2.17	32,550.00
Border States Electric	Cantex	2-3	2.25	33,750.00
Bell Electric Supply Co., Inc.	Atkore	1	2.273	34,095.00
Graybar Electric Company, Inc.	Southern Pipe	3	2.2874	34,311.00

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 4" PVC SCH 40	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc.	Southern Pipe	1-2	\$2.433	\$41,604.30*
Capital Electric Supply	Southern Pipe	2	2.91	49,761.00
Womack Electric Supply	Ipex	2	2.99	51,129.00
Border States Electric	Cantex	2-3	3.11	53,181.00
Bell Electric Supply Co., Inc.	Atkore	1	3.133	53,574.30
Graybar Electric Company, Inc.	Southern Pipe	3	3.1541	53,935.11

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.

24,000' - 1,000 MCM AWG CABLE STK# 208120  
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

VENDORS	MFG.	DELIVERY WEEKS	UNIT PRICE 1,000 MCM AWG CABLE	TOTAL
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #1)	Okonite	40-45	\$14.307	\$343,368.00*
Wesco Distribution, Inc. (Bid #2)	LS Cable	24-26	14.384	345,216.00
Border States Electric	Prysmian	22-26	14.60	350,400.00

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.



ONE (1) FORD F-150 XL SUPER CAB 4x4  
 SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

VENDORS	DELIVERY TIME (WEEKS)	TOTAL
Capital Ford of Charlotte, Inc.	1	\$45,669.00*

\* Indicates recommended award based on the lowest responsible, responsive bid.

2. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The Corporate KPI report was provided.

3. Commendations

Ms. Schryver with APPA emailed General Manager/CEO Tony Cannon to recognize Director of Information Technology Andy Anderson’s contributions to a very successful Cybersecurity & Technology Summit. She wrote, “Andy and the other two officers were instrumental in developing the program, inviting speakers and making the event a success, and Andy was the leader of it all. We’re looking forward to continuing to grow this program and couldn’t have done it without Andy’s contributions.”

**Employee’s Name:** Andy Anderson, Director of Information Technology

Emily Garner received a voice mail message from a Greenville resident that wanted to thank GUC for showing up and taking care of a downed pine tree that took out power lines about a month ago. She stated that the response time was so impressive. The crew were so professional and restored the power very quickly. She wanted to thank GUC for a great job.

**Employees’ Names:** Matt D. McLawhorn, Tree Trimmer Crew Leader; Mike Ashley and Casey Jones, Electric Overhead Crew Leader; Robert Mooring, Line Clearing Coordinator; Chase Hudson, Taylor Braxton, and Joshua Greer, Tree Trimmer I; Richard Gould and Zach Kruger, Lineworker First Class; and Cole Hartley, Hunter Forrest, and Hunter Sparks, Lineworker Third Class

Ms. Caviness sent a message to the CSR Team Mailbox. She wanted to express her thanks to Connie McGowan and the Tree Trimming Department for noticing and removing a dead tree from our property. She stated, “the old tree had seen better days and posed a potential risk of falling onto a major powerline at the front of our apartment community. Matt, Jordan, Will, Chase, Taylor, Josh, Ty, and Cobie showed up and cleared the very large tree in one day. They were methodical and professional and left the area clear of debris. Thanks to this crew, our residents can rest easy knowing that the people at GUC make every effort to ensure our power remains uninterrupted. We sincerely appreciate your dedication to our community.”

**Employees’ Names:** Connie McGowan and Matthew McLawhorn, Tree Trimmer Crew Leader; and Chase Hudson, Jordan Clymer, Taylor Braxton, Will Waggoner, Ty Price, Josh Greer, and Cobie Waters, Tree Trimmer I

Ms. Kriebel called Staff Support Specialist II Karyn Wilson to compliment Jacob Roberti for the excellent customer service he demonstrated when cutting on her natural gas service. She said she gives him a 10+, that he did a fantastic job and was a perfect gentleman.

**Employee’s Name:** Jacob Roberti, Gas Service Specialist I

Emily Garner received a very nice phone call from a Morganton, North Carolina resident, Chris Curtis, who felt the need to call in his appreciation to GUC crews. He said that Sunday morning as he was leaving his home for the first time since Thursday to go get food in Hickory (to replace what was ruined in fridge/freezer), our GUC crews were pulling onto his street to work on the lines in that area. When he returned home early that afternoon, he was surprised to see that power had already been restored to his home and (later that evening) to the rest of that area. He said it’s been impressive to watch our crews work as he has driven around town.

Mr. Seagle sent a message on guc.com. He wrote, “I am a resident up in Morganton, NC. Talked to a few of your linemen working here on my street to assist our guys in restoring our power. Told those guys how much we appreciate their hard work and assistance during this time. Please also, I want to extend thanks to city officials there that worked in conjunction with our folks to

coordinate things. I know I can confidently speak on my neighbor's behalf and say we very much appreciate your crews and their assistance to us. Thank you and God bless."

#### 4. Other

- Mr. Padgett introduced Mr. Durk Tyson, Assistant Director of Gas Systems, to update the board on a few opportunities at the CNG Fueling Station. Mr. Tyson stated that Greenville Utilities has entered into an agreement with a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) producer to partner with them to dispense their RNG at GUC's CNG Fueling Station. GUC will provide documentation on the amount of natural gas dispensed as vehicle fuel, allowing them to generate an environmental credit, which they will share a portion with GUC. It is estimated that this will result in an additional \$8,000-\$10,000 in monthly revenue.

Mr. Tyson also shared an industry in Aulander is ready to begin production, but Piedmont Natural Gas is still 6-12 months away from having their natural gas service completed. So, as an interim measure, GUC is partnering with a company to supply them with natural gas through a virtual pipeline. Essentially, it is a series of large trailers outfitted with CNG tanks. The tanks will be filled at GUC's station and transported to Aulander to supply the plant until Piedmont completes their work. The daily volumes for this customer will be about 5 times GUC's current average daily and will generate between \$500,000-\$1,000,000 in revenue.

- Mr. Padgett explained that due to the devastation of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina GUC entered into a Mutual Aid Agreement, and on Friday September 27, 2024, three Electric crews were dispatched to Morganton and Drexel, NC. After arriving in Drexel and seeing the vast destruction another crew was dispatched to assist. A total of 23 employees worked for a week in these towns replacing over 80 electric poles.

#### BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS/REPORT (Agenda Item 7)

Chair Griffin congratulated Water Resources and the Electric Department on their awards. He also shared a handout of GUC Committee assignments.

Chair Griffin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

#### BOARD MEMBERS' REMARKS

Several Commissioners congratulated GUC for continuing to receive awards and for having employees willing to work hard and help where needed including outside of our community.

Commissioner Godley also commended Mr. Hawley and the Public Information office on the report regarding GUC's Environmental Initiatives.

#### Closed Sessions:

Mr. Phillip Dixon, General Counsel, stated that the Board of Commissioners should consider entering Closed Session pursuant to the following statutes.

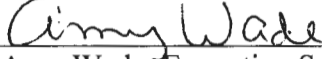
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, condition of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

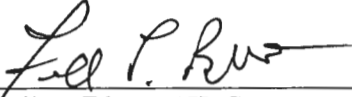
Upon motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Dr. Carr, the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to enter Closed Session at 12:52 p.m. for such purposes.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners in Closed Session, upon motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Blount, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to return to Open Session at 1:42 p.m. Without objection, and no further business to conduct, Chair Griffin adjourned the GUC Board of Commissioner meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy Wade, Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Ferrell L. Blount III, Secretary