

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday, November 21, 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

Commission Staff Present:

Tony Cannon, General Manager/CEO	Tony Godwin	David Bunch
Chris Padgett	Amanda Wall	James Forrest
Jeff McCauley	Paige Wallace	Derek Elks
Phil Dixon	Lou Norris	Richard Gould
Amy Wade	Jonathan Britt	Matt McLawhorn
John Worrell	Kathy Howard	Billy Owens
David Springer	Jacob Swink	Matt Board
Andy Anderson	Lena Preville	CJ Forrest
Anthony Miller	Karin Fullington	Gustavo Smith
Ken Wade	Erin Walton	Jordan Bradshaw
Colleen Sicley	Melinda Sampson	Tyler Bradshaw
Durk Tyson	Chris Hill	Hunter Forrest
Scott Mullis	Bryon Orr	Oscar Meeks
Steve Hawley	Kyle Meeks	Davis Wynne
Scott Farmer	Steve Hedgepeth	Will Waggoner
Kevin Keyzer	Adam Garris	Bradley Hardee
Travis Welborn	Jeffery Williams	Jordan Clymer
Jason Manning	Mike Ashley	

Others Attending:

Joshua Breazeale, Chamber Leadership Institute, and Adam Caldwell, Greenville Citizen.

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

Chair Griffin welcomed Chamber Leadership Institute participant Joshua Breazeale.

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 expressed the importance of pre-trip inspections around your vehicle before moving.

RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL AID TEAM – CITY OF MORGANTON AND TOWN OF DREXEL

Mr. John Worrell, Director of Electric Systems, explained that in late September Hurricane Helene hit Western North Carolina and as part of ElectricCities Mutual Aid Agreement GUC responded to the City of Morganton and the Town of Drexel. Mr. Worrell introduced Mr. Jacob Swink, Electric Distribution Engineer, who shared information on the GUC Mutual Aid Team.

Mr. Swink introduced the lineworkers that were a part of the mutual aid team including Jeffrey Williams, Mike Ashley, David Bunch, James Forrest, Derek Elks, Richard Gould, Matt McLawhorn, Billy Owens, Matt Board, CJ Forrest, Gustavo Smith, Jordan Bradshaw, Tyler Bradshaw, Hunter Forrest, Oscar Meeks, Davis Wynne, Jordan Clymer, Will Waggoner and Bradley Hardee (Timmy Pollard, Connie McGowan, Zach Kruger and Chandler Fornes were unable to attend). He shared pictures and provided a brief overview of the tasks and challenges they faced while working in Morganton and Drexel. Mr. Swink expressed his gratitude to the employees for their dedication to helping other communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SMOOTH OPERATORS

Mr. David Springer, Director of Water Resources, introduced Jason Manning, Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Manager, to share information on the recent operations challenge. Mr. Manning stated in October the team attended the Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition Conference (WEFTEC) and participated in the annual WEFTEC Operators Challenge. The team came in first place in the top Division 1 Collection System event, and placed 5th overall out of 56 US and International teams. He then introduced the Smooth Operators team: Kyle Meeks, Bryon Orr, Steve Hedgepath, Chris Hill, and Adam Garris.

RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION’S EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS AWARD (VIDEO)

Mr. Steve Hawley, Communications Office/Public Information Officer, introduced and congratulated the Public Information Team: Erin Walton, Karin Fullington and new addition Melinda Sampson. (Linda Clark and Emily Garner were unable to attend). Mr. Hawley shared the video that won the APPA’s Excellence in Communication Award.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tony Cannon presented the following items for approval on the consent agenda:

- (Agenda Item 1) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting - October 17,2024
- (Agenda Item 2) Consideration of 2025 GUG Meeting Schedule
- (Agenda Item 3) Recommended Award of Bid for Hudson Substation Structures and Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NC DOT COREY AND WORTHINGTON PROJECT (SCP 10253) (Agenda Item 4)

Mr. Springer stated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is currently undertaking a project to install a roundabout at the intersection of Worthington Road and Corey Road at the southern terminus of Corey Road. He introduced Mr. Travis Welborn, Water Resources Systems Engineer, to provide more information on the project.

Mr. Welborn explained that to facilitate this project the NCDOT must relocate portions of the Commission’s existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, including approximately 500 linear feet of existing 8” sewer force main and appurtenances. Per NC General Statute, the Commission is responsible for 50% of the cost of the utility relocations associated with NCDOT transportation improvement projects, with the NCDOT being responsible for the remaining 50% of total costs. Now that the project is under contract and the costs are known, the capital project budget needs to be amended to cover the costs associated with the sanitary sewer relocations. When the budget was first established only the engineering costs were known and, as such, the construction

costs were not included. The amended total sewer capital project budget of \$150,000 includes the Commission’s cost share of all engineering and construction, as well as a construction contingency.

Current Project Name	Budget	Change	Revised Budget
SCP10253 NCDOT Corey and Worthington			
Revenues:			
Long-Term Debt	\$ 10,000	\$ (10,000)	\$ -
Capital Projects Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Total Revenue	\$ 10,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000
Expenditures:			
Project Costs	\$ 10,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cowin seconded by Mr. Garner, to adopt the sewer capital project budget amendment to increase the capital project budget to \$150,000.00 and recommend similar action by City Council.

REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT- OCTOBER 31, 2024 (Agenda Item 5)

Key financial metrics for the combined funds for the period ending October 2024:

Operating Cash	\$81,005,365	Days of Cash on Hand	119
Less Current Liabilities	<u>(\$23,082,794)</u>		
Fund Balance	\$57,922,571	Days of Cash on Hand After Liabilities	85

Fund Balance Available for Appropriation: 19.6%

Average Investment Yield: 3.50%

Fund Equity/Deficit Before Transfers

	Current Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
Electric	(\$975,244)	\$902,335	(\$1,023,004)	(\$979,985)	(\$234,899)	(\$888,402)
Water	\$1,072,006	\$245,700	\$103,878	\$2,093,902	\$915,459	\$525,838
Sewer	\$281,842	\$231,058	\$210,373	\$1,596,440	\$937,826	\$1,105,667
Gas	\$258,484	(\$503,979)	(\$59,904)	(\$1,057,755)	(\$3,364,147)	(\$1,095,082)
Combined	\$637,088	\$875,114	(\$768,657)	\$1,652,602	(\$1,745,761)	(\$351,979)

Fund Equity/Deficit After Transfers

	Current Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
Electric	\$24,756	\$1,402,335	\$76,996	\$20,015	\$1,765,101	\$1,711,598
Water	\$972,006	\$166,533	\$103,878	\$1,756,405	\$598,795	\$125,838
Sewer	\$231,842	\$189,391	\$160,373	\$1,396,440	\$771,162	\$805,667
Gas	\$258,484	(\$653,979)	(\$59,904)	(\$1,057,755)	(\$3,964,147)	(\$1,095,082)
Combined	\$1,487,088	\$1,104,280	\$281,343	\$2,115,105	(\$829,089)	\$1,548,021

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

The weather impact for the month of October 2024 indicated that the October Cooling Degree Days were higher than last year, and the Heating Degree Days were lower than last year. The October rainfall was approximately .18 inches which was lower than last year. The portfolio earned 3.50% for the month of October.

Overall year-to-date results through the end of October remain stable. The Electric Rate Stabilization Reserves are approximately \$13.3 million, and the Gas Rate Stabilization Reserves are \$6.7 million. The Operating Reserves are 119 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 \$9.6 million.

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

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT (Agenda Item 6)

1. Informational Reading

Bids, 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:

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TABULATION OF BIDS RECEIVED

ONE (1) NEW ARGO CONQUEST PRO 950XT 8X8
OCTOBER 3, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

VENDORS	DELIVERY (WEEKS)	TOTAL
Bost Tune Up & ARGO ATV Sales, LLC	2	\$40,959.00*
Adventure Offroad Group, LLC	10-12	44,991.50
Shank’s Lawn Equipment, LLC	6-10	47,318.00

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

CRUSHED STONE
OCTOBER 15, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

VENDORS	DELIVERY (WEEKS)	TOTAL
Heidelberg Materials Southeast Agg LLC.	1	\$117,430.00*

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

2. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The Corporate KPI report was provided.

3. Commendations

Ms. Sally Sandy, City Manager of City of Morganton, sent an email to Director of Electric Systems John Worrell. She wrote, “On behalf of the City of Morganton, our electric customers and our city staff, please accept heartfelt appreciation for your assistance in the wake of Hurricane Helene. The damage to our electric system was extensive. Your answer to the call for mutual aid was swift and massive. Your willingness to send your community’s linemen and much needed supplies was more than generous. In my 31 years as an employee in a public power community, it has never meant more than in 2024. Your support day after day in the

weeks following the storm, is the perfect example of why we are Public Power Strong and why our citizens are blessed to live, work and play in a Public Power community in North Carolina. Rest assured that your crews represented your community with pride and skill. The recovery from devastation inflicted by Hurricane Helene continues. Your unselfish and quick response to Morganton's call for help was incredible and helped to speed our recovery efforts."

Employees' Names: Overhead Supervisor Jeffrey Williams; Crew Leaders Mike Ashley, David Bunch, James Forrest, and Timmy Pollard; First Class Lineworkers Derek Elks, Richard Gould, Zach Kruger, Matt McLawhorn, and Billy Owens; Second Class Lineworkers Matt Board, CJ Forrest, and Gustavo Smith; Third Class Lineworkers Jordan Bradshaw, Tyler Bradshaw, Chandler Fornes, Hunter Forrest, Oscar Meeks, and Davis Wynne; Tree Trimmer Crew Leader Connie McGowan; Tree Trimmers I Jordan Clymer and Will Waggoner; and Tree Trimmer II Bradley Hardee

4. Other

- Mr. Cannon stated that the Governance Workshop dates have been updated to January 16, 2025 and January 17, 2025.
- Thank you cards from the 2nd grade class at Mountain View Elementary School in Morganton, NC were shared.
- An article will be released soon about a pipeline grant for work GUC will be doing. A presentation will be provided at December's Board Meeting.
- Budget books were presented to the Board Members.
- Commissioner iPads will be updated following the Board meeting.
- Mr. Jason Manning stated that Friday November 15, 2024, he received a phone call from the Division of Marine Fisheries of Morehead City that a manatee had been spotted in the river near the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Manning was able to provide local knowledge of the river's bottom, depth, and temperature. A team from Sea World, Florida Game and Fish, US Fish and Wildlife and other agencies came together to carry out a rescue mission to remove the manatee and safely get her to a recovery center in Orlando.

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

Chair Griffin expressed his thanks to the hardworking employees of GUC.

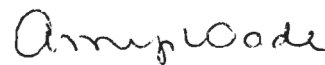
BOARD MEMBERS' REMARKS

Several commissioners commented on the culture of GUC and their willingness to help others in times of need. Commissioner Godley expressed the importance of researching House Bill 951 and how it will impact the citizens of our community.

Chair Griffin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

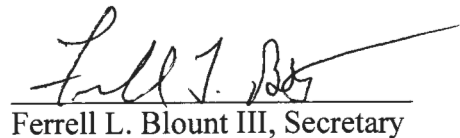
Without objection, and no further business to conduct, Chair Griffin adjourned the GUC Board of Commissioner meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Wade, Executive Secretary

APPROVED:



Ferrell L. Blount III, Secretary