

DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2023
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority was held July 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the WSA Administration Building.

Members present:

Peggy E. Baugh, Chairman
Cindy Fedack, Vice Chairman
Christopher Flowers
Joseph Fowler, Board Attorney
Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer
Phil Miller, Chairman, Douglas County Board of Commissioners
Rochelle Robinson, Mayor, City of Douglasville
Richard Segal
Gilbert Shearouse, Executive Director

Members Absent:

Nia Brown

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Chairman Baugh and seconded by Vice Chairman Fedack to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shearouse thanked Board members for their support of the Village Entrance Emergency Stormwater Improvement Project and reported that Village Entrance Road is now reopened. He sent pictures of the replaced culvert to Board members with their meeting packet last Thursday and said that, while there are still some small tasks to finish, getting the road reopened so quickly was a huge success.

STATUS REPORT

Mr. Shearouse reported on the Maxwell Drive Stormwater Improvement Project, which resulted in the closure of Maxwell Drive today and was reported in the Douglas County Sentinel. He said the project is relatively minor and will likely be performed in house. He added that it will not likely require Board approval based on the anticipated cost.

Mr. Shearouse reported on a spill at the Blairs Bridge Road lift station July 1, 2023, which was caused when one of the valves blew. Among several problems, he said the drywall flooded and pumps shorted out, which called for the use of bypass pumps. He thanked Maintenance Manager Chip Butts and the maintenance group for reacting so quickly and Ruby Collins, the contractor on the Cobb Sewer project, for their help and coordination that helped the Authority get bypass pumps, other parts the Authority was

able to borrow from them, and the scaffolding they had already set up that gave WSA crews easier access to the valves.

Ms. Robinson asked if this spill affected water quality and if it was likely to reach the Chattahoochee River, where an approximately 10-mile section was recently shut down following a major spill. Discussion followed. Mr. Shearouse explained that WSA reaches out to the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers to inform them of spills and Deputy Director Keith Higgs spoke on the amount of testing following a spill to ensure water safety. Chairman Baugh noted that spills are also reported in the local newspaper as a legal notice to inform the public.

At this time, Chairman Baugh introduced the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO ALLAN VIGIL FORD FOR A 2024 F-350 SUPER CAB LONG BED 4 X 4 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,930.00.

A motion was made by Chairman Baugh and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM BOBCAT OF ATLANTA FOR A BOBCAT T770 T4 COMPACT TRACK LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,652.38.

A motion was made by Chairman Baugh and seconded by Mr. Segal to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR A FLYGT SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE SOUTHSIDE LIFT STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,568.84.

A motion was made by Chairman Baugh and seconded by Ms. Robinson to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA, INC. TO REBUILD A FLYGT SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL INFLUENT LIFT STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,435.24.

A motion was made by Chairman Baugh and seconded by Ms. Fedack to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

Mr. Segal noted that the ductile iron pipe at the end of Lee Road is almost gone. Mr. Shearouse responded that the project is moving along and progressing well.

There was no further business before the Board, so Chairman Baugh called the meeting to an end. There was no objection, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by:

Peggy E. Baugh, Chairman