

**DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority was held August 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the WSA Administration Building.

Members present:

Peggy E. Baugh, Chairman

Nia Brown

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of the July 25, 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. Next was the approval of the minutes of the executive session held July 31, 2023. 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 by a majority vote with an abstention from Mr. Segal, who was absent from the July 31 session.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Shearouse reported that a printout of the second resolution of tonight was not included in the Board packet sent out last Thursday because of confidentiality (property acquisition). He stated that a copy had been placed at each member's station but would be taken up following the meeting.

**STATUS REPORT**

There was nothing to add to the written report.

At this time, Chairman Baugh introduced the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM IMMINET INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NETWORK AND SECURED ACCESS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,952.40.**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM DONALD K. MITCHELL FOR THE DOG RIVER RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Shearouse announced that the Authority was just rewarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Quoting from GFOA, he said “the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment for a government and its management.” He, Chairman Baugh, and Board members thanked CFO Tom Alger, his accounting team, and the auditors for their work in this achievement.
2. Mr. Shearouse gave an update on damages to the system resulting from a significant storm on August 7, 2023. He said that, while only about an inch of rain was reported, the system sustained damage from winds, which included trees down, power outages and roof damage. He itemized the power losses, possible small spills, and high ammonia at some plants but reported that no one was injured, although a third of the roof was lost at Field Complex B, which houses SCADA Central, Dispatch, Meter Reading and Billing, and Inventory. He reported that Ben Hill Roofing provided temporary roofing and spoke on how employees voluntarily worked to help get issues resolved. At his request, the Board gave the OK to work with Ben Hill Roofing to validate their price with standard roof replacement unit price numbers commercially available and through the Authority’s insurance company. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Baugh thanked them for moving so expeditiously and asked Mr. Shearouse to thank those who volunteered to step up and help.
3. Mr. Shearouse announced that tonight is Mr. Segal’s last meeting because he is qualifying to run for public office. He thanked him for his service on the Board and invited everyone to a reception in his honor to take place immediately following the meeting. Mr. Segal was appointed to the Board in April 2022.

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,

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Helen R. McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by:

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Peggy E. Baugh, Chairman