



DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Douglasville – Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority was conducted on the 13th day of May, 2025 in the Community Room of the WSA Administration Building.

The following members were present:

Cindy Fedack, Chairman
Nia Brown, Vice-Chairman
Mark Adams
John Citizen
John Dean
Rochelle Robinson, Mayor of the City of Douglasville
Dr. Romona Jackson Jones, Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners
Gilbert B. Shearouse, Executive Director
Joseph H. Fowler, Attorney
Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Public Comment:

There was none.

Approval of Minutes:

For the regular meeting on April 22, 2025.

A motion was made by Chairman Fedack and seconded by Mr. Adams to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

For the work session on April 28, 2025.

A motion was made by Chairman Fedack and seconded by ViceChairman Brown to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

For the spring workshop on May 2 -3, 2025.

A motion was made by Chairman Fedack and seconded by Mr. Dean to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Shearouse reported on a few items that were noted in the Board's Thursday email.

- The Budget Resolution is for introduction only on the May 13th Board Meeting and will be for approval at the June 10th Board Meeting. There have been no changes from the version reviewed at the Spring Workshop.

- Item 9 on the agenda is the purchase of the Laura Richards property for the reservoir. Things are moving along well for the County to approve this Intergovernmental Agreement and Deed at its next meeting on May 20th.
- Reminder that May's Work Session is this Monday, May 19th, moved up one week due to Memorial Day.

Mr. Shearouse introduced the second group of two Leadership WSA participants. They spent the day with the Administration department and are attending the meeting tonight: John Kennington (Wastewater Operations) and Stacy Wilson (Accounting). As the next group comes through the Administration department over the next few months, they will be attending a meeting as well.

Status Report:

There was nothing to add to the written report.

Resolutions:

At this time, Chairman Fedack introduced the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026. (FOR INTRODUCTION ONLY)

The Board heard the first reading of the resolution from Mr. Adams. Per Authority Bylaws, the resolution must undergo an introductory reading and be placed on the agenda for approval at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting in June.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY REGARDING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR EXPANSION OF THE DOG RIVER RESERVOIR.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER GENERAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES WITH GWES, LLC.

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE CREEK INDIAN TRAIL STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CORBETT GROUP, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,000.00.

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

New Business:

Mr. Shearouse noted that the Authority has seats for Douglas County School System's Heroes Among Us concert event on May 24th at 7:00 PM at the Legacy Arena. Board members and a guest are invited to

attend. He asked that members let Gil or Tonya know by the end of the day on Thursday if they are able to attend.

Water Professionals Appreciation: Since 2015, in the state of Georgia, the 1st Monday of May is “Water Professionals Appreciation Day.” This generally coincides with national drinking water week, which is the first week of May. It is established to acknowledge the critical services water professionals provide to the citizens of our communities, which are most often taken for granted but essential to virtually everything people do.

Mr. Shearouse offered his appreciation to the Authority’s 200+ water professionals, and he noted that he is honored to work alongside each and every one of them.

Employee of the Year: Mr. Shearouse announced the Authority’s 2025 Employee of the Year, Emily Camp. Ms. Camp has been with the Authority since 2009, starting as a wastewater operator in training (OIT), obtained her Class 3 wastewater operator license and became a certified operator, obtained her Class 2 license, recently obtained her Class 1 license, and is currently serving as the Chief Operator for Wastewater Operations. The Board congratulated Emily Camp as the 2025 Employee of the Year.

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

The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. and was completed at 5:44 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Fedack, Chairman

Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer