



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 22nd day of July, 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 June 24, 2025.

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

Old Business:

There was none.

Status Report:

Mr. Shearouse highlighted a few items in the written report, noting they are good examples of the Authority being recognized as a leader in the State.

At the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Annual Conference in Savannah on July 13-16, the Authority was well-represented through both awards and presentations. One example of several is that Water Operations Superintendent Sean Wheale received the State's Operator Meritorious Service Award. This award acknowledges an individual in the water field who has demonstrated consistent and outstanding contributions to plant operations and dedication to the public beyond normal operating responsibilities.



To help GAWP in bringing the BBQ competition back to the conference, Authority Systems Manager Chip Butts and Water Maintenance Superintendent Tremayne Price participated in the Water for People BBQ Competition under the team name "The Smoke Authority." While the team didn't win their first time competing, they participated well, accomplished their goals the first time, and plan to return strong next year. Approximately 2,000 conference attendees dined on the delicious BBQ to kick off the conference.

Mr. Shearouse encouraged members to review the rest of that section.

On July 17, the Authority hosted the Georgia House of Representatives Special Committee on Resource Management Water Subcommittee meeting at its Administrative Building. Along with several other local, regional, and state leaders, Executive Director Gil Shearouse provided testimony to the subcommittee regarding water planning, large water users and data centers, and its arrangement with Google to provide treated wastewater for cooling as an alternative to potable water. There were nine (9) Committee members and approximately seventy-eight (78) attendees.

Resolutions:

At this time, Chairman Fedack introduced the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SMALL UTILITY ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. (ESRI) FOR SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT OF THE AUTHORITY'S GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,900.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS PROVIDERS FOR BIOSOLIDS TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.

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.

New Business:

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 5:39 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Fedack, Chairman

Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer