

**BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting, located at H2GO to order at 10:00 a.m.; a quorum was present. The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present from the Board of Commissioners were members Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman, Steve Hosmer, Vice Chairman, Rodney McCoy, Secretary, Bill Beer, and Barry Laub, present from H2GO was Bob Walker, Executive Director, Scott Hook, Finance Officer, Russ Lane, Assistant Executive Director, and Deana Greiner, Clerk to the Board. Also present was attorney Steve Coble

The board discussed the proposed irrigation policy that Mr. Walker had previously presented during the last regular board meeting. Mr. Walker stated this would be a year round policy where even houses would irrigate on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays and odd houses would irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. It was said there would be a violation for those who did not follow this policy; first offense would be given a written notice, second offense would be charged \$100 civil penalty and then \$250 each time after. It was said that waivers to this policy would be given for special circumstances such as installing new sod. The waivers for new sod would be allowed for 90 days. Mr. Walker said we would start notifying customers of this policy through our RPZ backflow letters. It was suggested that we add language to the letter to show the customer that this was a way for them to be an environmental steward and that in the long run it could save them money. It was said that irrigation could be monitored by our smart meters. There was a brief discussion on Compass Pointe and how they irrigate using a private system. Mr. Walker mentioned that when the RO Plant comes online, we will not be able to sell Compass Pointe bulk water to cover their shortages in water. It was said that we needed to go ahead and relay this message so that Compass Point could plan for next season. It was said that Compass Point customers have the option to connect to our system; it would cost them around \$3000 to do so. Back to the policy; Mr. Walker stated this policy did not apply to hand held irrigation; he explained that it only applies to stand still sprinklers and in ground sprinkler systems. There was a brief discussion on enforcement. It was said that our smart meters could give us high usage alerts on single meters and it allowed us to monitor each meter for usage on a daily basis.

The board discussed reclaimed water. The question was asked about involving any partners to help expand the reclaimed water district. Mr. Walker said he has mentioned it to the County, however; their current permit does not allow for it; he said they can change that in two years when they renew their permit. There was a brief discussion on population and customers served. It was said that H2GO has about 17000 customers that reach close to 43,000 in population. There was a brief discussion on what the County serves. Mr. Lane explained that the board could look at all the numbers by pulling up each utility's Local Water Supply Plan. Mr. Walker showed the board maps of where the proposed reclaimed water district would be located; he mentioned about three different developers who had plans to develop the land behind Walmart, down to Jackey's Creek, behind Mallory Creek. Mr. Walker also pointed the land owned by Dr. Goodman. It was

said that these customers would be required to follow the same irrigation policy as all our other customers. The board expressed their satisfaction with be allowed to provide reclaimed water to these areas. The suggestion was made to include this upcoming projected in a monthly newsletter. It was suggested adding tv slots just like we've done with the RO Plant.

Mr. Walker showed the board several areas we had the potential to grow; he showed maps of Hazel Branch Road to Goodman Road to Old Town Creek Road. Mr. Walker mentioned the idea of hopefully setting up a zero discharge waste water district. Mr. Walker informed the board that there was a developer who approached him about water service; he said the proposed development was located behind the Town Creek Schools. Mr. Walker said the developer wants to be on our water system; however it would require them to extend our lines four miles and they were asking us to foot that bill. It was said we have never extended our lines for developers and we should not start now.

The board discussed the growth and the potential for all these new customers. It was asked if our 2060 plan was still good. Mr. Walker explained that yes, he felt our 2060 plan was still good; he said the biggest thing was managing peak demand. It was said that these proposed irrigation policies would help with managing our peak demand.

The concern that GENX was found in Brunswick County was mentioned. Mr. Walker explained that it was found in ground water and shallow aquifers such as the Upper Pee Dee. Mr. Walker said our wells for the RO Plant are 400 feet down and comes from the Lower Pee Dee. It was said our critical path at this moment is Waste Water.

Water rates were mentioned. Mr. Walker stated that he was positive that we would not have to raise our rates; he said the reasoning behind this is the fact that the County was charging us well above the cost of what it would cost to treat water ourselves.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

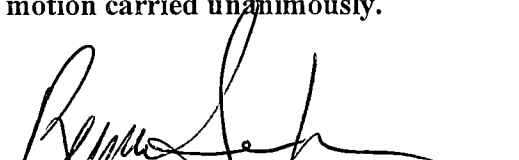
Commissioner Laub made the motion for the board to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss personnel issues pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCoy made the motion for the board to return to open session. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.


It was said there was nothing to report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

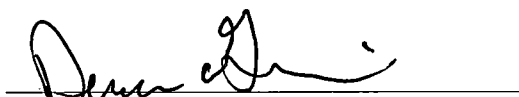
Commissioner Beer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.



Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman



Rodney McCoy, Secretary



Deana Greiner, CMC
Clerk to the Board

11/16/21

Date of Approval