

**BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2020**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting, located at H2GO via Zoom, to order at 6 p.m.; a quorum was present via ZOOM. The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members 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, Russ Lane, Assistant Director, Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer, and Deana Greiner, Deputy Clerk to the Board.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for any adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were made. **Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve the agenda as written; a vote was called and the motion was carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting and the September 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented; a vote was called and the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Commissioner McCoy and Chairman Jenkins both commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant; both said it was an exciting day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for public comments.

None of the patrons present spoke.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was discussed

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deed of Dedication: Seabrook Subdivision Phase 3 Section 3 Lots 1-49: Mr. Walker presented to the board the deed of dedication for Seabrook Phase 3 Section 3 Lots 1-49; he said all was in order and Mr. Coble has reviewed the documents. **Commissioner McCoy made the motion to accept the Deed of Dedication for Seabrook Phase 3 Section 3 Lots 1-49 as presented; a vote called and the motion carried unanimously.**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lane had nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Walker reported to the board that Mr. Hook was out due to a family emergency and that he could answer any questions the board may have.

Check Register for September 16, 2020-October 14, 2020: Questions were given regarding a Ward & Smith invoice. It was said that Ward & Smith was the attorney group working on the current litigation with the Town of Leland and Belville. It was said that given this related to ongoing litigation that specifics of their invoices may be better suited for executive session.

Budget Ordinance Amendment FY2020-2021 Water/Sewer Operating Fund 50: Mr. Walker said the purpose of the amendment was to move money around within the budget so that we could pay our first debt service payment for the RO Plant. **Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment FY2020-2021 Water/Sewer Operating Fund 50 as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

Awards Recognitions: Mr. Wittkofsky explained to the board that H2GO has been recognized for three awards this year. Mr. Wittkofsky said the North Carolina American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA) named Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO's Water Superintendent Jared Glick their Water Distribution Operator of the Year; he said this award is given to an individual in the water industry who has contributed to the successful operation and maintenance of their distribution system. Mr. Wittkofsky said the North Carolina American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA) also named Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO's Collection Systems ORC Keith Gore their Wastewater Collections Operator of the Year. This award is given to an individual in the water industry who has contributed to the successful operation and maintenance of their collections system. Mr. Wittkofsky explained that H2GO has also received the Disaster Preparedness and George W. Burke, Jr. Safety awards from the North Carolina American Water Works Association and the

North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA); he said, “the disaster Preparedness award is presented to individuals and utilities in acknowledgment of outstanding achievement in advancing disaster preparedness initiatives thereby strengthening our preparedness and increasing our resolve to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of natural disasters, man-made disasters, and acts of aggression against our locality, county, state, and nation.”

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Nothing was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) AND TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5)

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion for the board to enter into executive session to consult legal counsel pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) and to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5). A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion for the board to re-enter open session. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

It was announced that the board would meet again for a regular board meeting on November 17, 2020 at 6 p.m..

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman

Rodney McCoy, Secretary

Deana Greiner, CMC
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Date of Approval