

**BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting, located at H2GO and via Zoom to the public, to order at 4:00 p.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, Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer, and Teresa Long, Clerk to the Board. Also present was attorney Steve Coble

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

Commissioner Laub made the motion for the board to enter into executive session to consult with 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 Laub made the motion for the board to re-enter open session at 6:13pm; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON THE BELVILLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY EXPANSION; Mr. Walker said he needed authorization from the board to do an emergency expansion of the Belville Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will provide another 250,000 gpd of capacity. Mr. Walker said it looks like the budget may be about \$750,000, he said he has asked The Wooten Company to prepare the specifications to be ready to submit to DEQ for an Authorization to Construct Permit next week. Mr. Walker said his goal is to have the improvements in place by the end of July 2021. Chairman Jenkins calls for a motion, **Commissioner Laub motioned to have Mr. Walker to move forward with the expansion of the Belville Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of 250,000 gpd for approximately \$750,000; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ON THE RO WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION TO 6.0 MGD; Mr. Walker said that while we have the contractor there constructing a 4.0 mgd plant, we can go ahead and add another skid to the treatment train, add a couple of calcite beds and go ahead and expand the plant at this time to 6 mgd, he said there would be a substantial savings by doing that now, he said the estimated cost now is about \$5.5 million, he said Mr. Hook has a follow up budget amendment to transfer those funds to do this work. Mr. Walker said when we borrowed

the funds to do this project we borrowed an additional \$7 million, so that will cover the expansion. Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to expand the Reverse Osmosis to 6.0 mgd for approximately \$5.5 million. **Commissioner McCoy made the motion to expand the Reverse Osmosis Plant to 6.0 mgd; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF RO WATER TREATMENT PLANT BUDGET AMENDMENT; Mr. Hook said we will use the money we previously borrowed to pay ourselves to upgrade the Reverse Osmosis Plant to 6.0 mgd, he said the total amendment is \$6,966,268. Chairman Jenkins called for a motion to approve the Fund 26 budget amendment, **Commissioner Hosmer motioned to approve the budget amendment of \$6,966,268 as presented by Mr. Hook; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.** (*See Exhibit A, which is hereby made a part of these minutes*)

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Beer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21p.m.; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jenkins announced that the next meeting will be the regular board meeting on March 16, 2021.

Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman

Rodney McCoy, Secretary

Teresa Long, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Date of Approval

Exhibit A

Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer

WATER TREATMENT PLANT (Fund 26) BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer, Leland North Carolina, that the following items are hereby Amended for The Water Treatment Plant Project:

REVENUE:

Revenue Source	Current Budget	Amendment	Adjusted
Operating Reserve	630,024	6,966,268	7,596,292
Bond / Loan Revenue	33,751,803		33,751,803

Total Revenues: \$34,381,827 \$6,966,268 \$41,348,095

EXPENDITURES:

Expenditure Item	Current Budget	Amendment	Adjusted
Engineering	910,971		910,971
Construction- Contract #1	1,325,641		1,325,641
Construction – Contract #2	5,084,833	1,047,846	6,132,679
Construction – Contract #3	3,000,000		3,000,000
Construction – Contract #4	21,400,370	5,498,422	26,898,792
Finance Advisor	65,000		65,000
Legal Fees	95,000		95,000
Equipment Procurement	1,000,012	110,000	1,110,012
Contingency	1,500,000	310,000	1,810,000

Total Expenditures: \$ 34,381,827 6,966,268 \$41,348,095

This Ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the Board of Commissioner and copies filed with the Finance Officer and the Clerk to the Board.

Adopted the 8th day of March 2021.