

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County Water & Sewer District was held at Lancaster County Water & Sewer District's Administrative Office in the Conference Center Board Room at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

Members Present: Gerald White, Doc Steele, Robert Barr, Jimmy Deaton, Mike Williams, Larry Hammond, Robert Harris, RJ Clyburn, and Stephen White

Members Absent: None

In addition, there were present: Brad Bucy, District Manager; Wes Carter, Operations Manager; Lori Grow, Administrative Assistant; Susan Driscoll and Jim Sheedy, District Legal Counsel (remotely via video conferencing).

Gerald White called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and chaired the meeting.

Public Comment as Necessary
There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Gerald asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the July 14, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes. Robert Harris made a motion to approve. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.

Approval of ILWWTP Chemical Storage Improvements (State Utility) Change Order #1

Brad Bucy turned the meeting over to Wes Carter. Wes explained the scope of the proposed change included installing one newer eight-wheel filter (5 mgd each) instead of relocating the two (2) existing four-wheel filters (2.5 mgd each). The benefits to Lancaster County Water and Sewer District for this change include newer equipment, standardized replacement parts, less operation and maintenance costs, and easier implementation of the future build-out plans. The total cost of the change order is \$103,840. There was general discussion and back-up costs provided for the increased costs of the change order.

Bob Harris made a motion for the approval of ILWWTP Chemical Storage Improvements Change Order #1 in the amount of \$103,840 for State Utility. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval of Local Funding Commitment for SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Basic Infrastructure Grant – Carmel Road

Brad again turned the meeting over to Wes. Wes provided a detailed explanation of the proposed project area for the grant application as well as the complications of the existing aging infrastructure. The grant request is \$1,500,000. The local funding commitment is \$1,097,664. Stephen White made a motion for the approval of up to \$1,097,664 in Local Funding Commitment for SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Basic Infrastructure Grant for the Carmel Road Project. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

Discussion of Drought and Consumption

Brad provided the Board with updates on the Catawba-Wateree drought metrics for discussion. Brad also provided a history of drought trigger metrics and provided some discussion on recent consumption trends. Brad advised the Board that staff had received two requested variances related to the Drought Management and Response Plan from agricultural users related to the surcharge rate. There was general discussion. This was for information only.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice on Pending Litigation, Contractual Agreement, and/or Personnel Issue

Robert Harris made a motion to enter executive session at 7:14 pm to receive legal advice on Pending Litigation, Contractual Agreement, and/or Personnel Issue. Larry Hammond seconded. All approved.

Robert Harris made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:57 pm. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Stephen White made a motion to grant a variance to Rich Hill Farms, LLC, for an exemption from the surcharge rate requirements of the Drought Management and Response Plan during all drought stages. Robert Harris seconded. All approved.

RJ Clyburn made a motion to grant a variance to Stephen Barrett at 6161 Shiloh Unity Road for an exemption from the surcharge rate requirements of the Drought Management and Response Plan during all drought stages. Robert Barr seconded. All approved.

Robert Harris made a motion to amend the Drought Management and Response Plan to provide for a commercial agricultural business exemption, as defined by staff and legal and to include a minimum usage, from the surcharge rate requirement under the Plan during all drought stages. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Robert Harris made a motion to delegate the evaluation of future commercial agricultural business variance requests from the Board of Commissioners to Management. Larry Hammond seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

Stephen White made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.



Robert L. Barr, Secretary

**Amendment No. 1 to Lancaster County Water and Sewer District
Drought Management and Response Plan (Revised May 12, 2026)**

By Resolution of the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District (District) at a meeting duly called on August 11, 2026, the Board unanimously approved an agricultural business exemption from the surcharge rate requirement during all stages of drought under the Drought Management and Response Plan (the “Plan”), as follows.

Section II, Definition of Terms, is hereby amended to include this definition after the definition of “aesthetic water use”:

Agricultural Classification: This classification applies to business accounts with agricultural facilities (including those licensed or inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture) for nurseries, farms, land, building, structure, pond, impoundment, appurtenance, machinery, or equipment which is used for the commercial, for-profit, production or processing of crops, trees, livestock, animals, poultry, honeybees, honeybee products, livestock products, poultry products, or products which are used in commercial aquaculture which have historically used 10,000 gallons per month for the previous twelve (12) month cumulative average.

Section IV, Drought Response Plan, is hereby amended to insert as J. Agricultural Exemption, in the place of the existing J. Status of the Plan, which shall become K. Status of the Plan, as follows:

J. Agricultural Exemption

Accounts which fit within the definition of Agricultural Classification shall be exempt from the surcharge rate requirement during all stages of drought under the Plan.