

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, June 11, 2024, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

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

Members Absent: Robert Harris

In addition, there were present: Brad Bucy, District Manager; Margaret Flow, Business Manager; Kerri Mackey, Finance Director; Amanda Threatt, Administrative Assistant; Jim Sheedy and Susan Driscoll, District Legal Counsel.

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 May 14, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Robert Barr made a motion to approve. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval of 2024 / 2025 Operating Budget & Rate Resolutions

Brad Bucy referred to copies of the 2024/2025 budget for LCWSD along with the Rate Resolution to become effective on July 1, 2024, both of which were provided to the Board members. Brad turned the meeting over to Kerri Mackey who notified the Board of the Public Hearing on the Operating Budget and Rates which occurred on June 10, 2024, at the District's Administrative Office at 2:00 pm. No one from the public attended. Minutes were kept and will be filed accordingly. Staff presented the draft LCWSD Operating Budget the previous month. The budget and rate resolution includes a rate increase identified as Exhibit A. This increase results in a typical water and sewer customer receiving a combined 4% rate increase and a typical water only customer receiving a 2% rate increase. Also included in Exhibit B is an increase in the water and sewer capacity fee rates. The water capacity fee increased from \$2,400 to \$2,600 and the sewer capacity fee increased from \$3,800 to \$4,200. The back-up documentation for the capacity fee increase was presented in an Amendment to the June 14, 2022 Capacity Fee Planning Document and Capital Improvement Plan.

Robert Barr made a motion to approve the Rate Resolution to become effective on July 1, 2024. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Stephen White made a motion to approve the District's 2024/2025 Operating Budget. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

Discussion of Charlotte Water Informational Item

Brad explained Charlotte Water has requested a modification to its current IBT certificate to increase the existing maximum limit of 33 million gallons per day (MGD) peak day from the Catawba River basin to the Rocky River basin as required to meet future water needs. Previous Charlotte speculation has been an increase of approximately 30 MGD. Brad provided some maps to identify the proximity of the basins to one another. The Rocky River basin is situated in the Yadkin Pee Dee basin. Brad explained Charlotte was early in a multi-year highly regulated process which should involve significant stakeholder participation and feedback. Staff recommended support for a Catawba Wateree Water Management Group and Yadkin Pee Dee Water Management Group task force to further study IBTs in the two basins. Staff will request assessments of any impacts associated with the proposed IBT to the CRWSP intake withdrawals at times of low flow including drought over the next 50 year planning horizon. Staff also intends to express concerns related to potential alternatives which may increase pumping wastewater loads from outside of the basin into the Lower Catawba Basin.

There was general discussion. This was an informational item.

There was no Executive Session.

Adjourn

RJ Clyburn made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Larry Hammond seconded. All approved.



Robert L. Barr, Secretary

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A WATER AND
SEWER RATE AND CAPACITY FEE INCREASE
BY LANCASTER COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Lancaster County Water and Sewer District (District), at a meeting duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. South Carolina General Assembly Act No. 455 of 1959, as amended and supplemented (the Act), provided for the creation of the District and for its governing body and prescribed its areas, functions, powers and duties; Section 3 of the Act, Powers of commission, grants the Commissioners of the District with the power to “[d]istribute and sell water on such terms and rates as it shall from time to time approve. To that end, the commission shall be empowered to place into effect and to revise, whenever it so wishes or may be so required, a schedule of rates and charges for water furnished by its water distribution system.” Section 3 of the Act further gives the Commissioners of the District the power to “[p]lace into effect and to revise, whenever it so wishes or may be required, a schedule of rates and charges for the use made of its sewage disposal system, including any treatment facilities.” Section 5 of the Act, Rates, provides that the District’s water and sewer rates shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by “any State bureau, board, commission or other like instrumentality or agency thereof.”

SECTION 2. The Commissioners of the District have determined that the existing water and sewer rates and water and sewer capacity fees should be increased in accordance with the recommendation of management based on its analysis and amendment to the capital improvement plan using accepted industry methodology.

SECTION 3. Beginning July 1, 2024, District hereby increases its water and sewer rates as set forth on **Exhibit A** hereto, notice of which increase and an opportunity to be heard thereon was provided to the public as required by law.

SECTION 4. Beginning July 1, 2024, District hereby increases its water and sewer capacity fees as set forth on **Exhibit B** hereto, notice of which increase and an opportunity to be heard thereon was provided to the public as required by law.

SECTION 5. In accordance with the S.C. Code Ann. § 6-11-160, a schedule of the water and sewer rates and capacity fees established herein shall be kept on file in the office of the Commissioners of the District.

SECTION 6. This Resolution was adopted by a majority of the Commissioners of the District.


Adopted this 11th day of June, 2024.



Gerald E. White, Chairman




Alfred C. Steele, Vice Chairman



Robert Barr, Secretary



James C. Deaton, Member



Michael G. Williams, Member

Absent

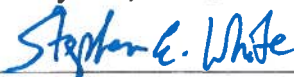
Robert Harris, Member



Larry Hammond, Member



RJ Clyburn, Member



Stephen E. White, Member

WATER AND SEWER RETAIL RATE SCHEDULES

EXHIBIT A

Effective July 1, 2024

WATER (Residential & Non-Residential)			SEWER (Residential and Non-Residential)			
	Base Charge			Base Charge		
3/4 inch meter	\$	21.97	3/4 inch meter	\$	13.68	
1 inch meter	\$	54.93	1 inch meter	\$	34.20	
1-1/2 inch meter	\$	109.85	1-1/2 inch meter	\$	68.40	
2 inch meter	\$	175.76	2 inch meter	\$	109.44	
3 inch meter	\$	351.52	3 inch meter	\$	218.88	
4 inch meter	\$	659.10	4 inch meter	\$	410.40	
6 inch meter	\$	1,428.05	6 inch meter	\$	889.20	
8 inch meter	\$	2,746.25	8 inch meter	\$	1,710.00	
Maintenance Fee	\$	2.70	Maintenance Fee	\$	2.70	
Residential Rate (per 1,000 gals)			Sewer Rate (per 1,000 gals)			
Tier 1	0-20,000 gals	\$ 4.51	\$5.72			
Tier 2	> 20,000 gals	\$ 9.02				
Residential Irrigation Rate (per 1,000 gals)* * No Base rate applies to this volumetric rate if a residential meter is already included on the account			INDUSTRIAL SEWER **			
Tier 1	0-20,000 gals	\$ 4.51	Base Charge = per meter sizes above \$5.13 per 1,000 gals for first 1,000,000 gals			
Tier 2	> 20,000 gals	\$ 9.02				
Non-Residential Rate (per 1,000 gals)			\$4.64 per 1,000 gals for next 1,000,000 gals			
\$ 4.51			All other \$3.99 per 1,000 gals			
Non-Residential Irrigation Rate (per 1,000 gals)			** The Industrial User must be defined as such under the Pretreatment Ordinance and must consume at least 1,000,000 gallons per month to qualify for the Industrial Sewer Rate			
	Tier 1					Tier 2
	Rate	Tier 2 Volume				Rate
3/4 inch meter	\$ 4.51	> 20,000 gals				\$ 9.02
1 inch meter	\$ 4.51	> 50,000 gals				\$ 9.02
1-1/2 inch meter	\$ 4.51	> 100,000 gals				\$ 9.02
2 inch meter	\$ 4.51	> 160,000 gals	\$ 9.02			
3 inch meter	\$ 4.51	> 320,000 gals	\$ 9.02			

Commercial / Carolina Water Service Sewer Treatment (S04) (PCI Group Building)	
Base Charge =	\$160.66
	\$7.33 per 1,000 gallons
Maintenance Fee	\$2.70
Residential / Carolina Water Service Sewer Treatment (S99) (Almond Glen Sub. & Arbor Place Sub.)	
Base Charge =	\$16.16
	\$9.20 per 1,000 gallons
Maintenance Fee	\$2.70
York County Sewer Rate (S50) (Burnside/Wakefield, Prestwick Sub.)	
Base Charge =	\$11.66
	\$6.71 per 1,000 gallons
Maintenance Fee	\$2.70

WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY FEE SCHEDULES

Effective July 1, 2024

RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT (REU) CAPACITY FEE SCHEDULE

Meter Size	LCWSD Meter Equivalent Ratio (i.e. REU)	Water Rate	Sewer Rate
5/8 X 3/4"	1	\$2,600	\$4,200

LCWSD METER EQUIVALENT RATIOS

Meter Size	LCWSD Meter Equivalent Ratio
5/8 X 3/4"	1
1"	2.5
1-1/2"	5
2"	8
3"	16
4"	30
6"	65
8"	125

MULTI-FAMILY EQUIVALENT RATIOS

(Attached Apartments, Condominiums, Townhomes)

Bedrooms	Water Equivalent REU	Sewer Equivalent REU
3+	1	1
2	3/4	3/4
1	1/2	1/2

LCWSD will provide a fifty (50) percent reduction on Non-Residential Capacity Fees for commercial and industrial users (excluding apartment complexes and other multi-family residential units or temporary living facilities).

Meters sized for fire flow protection will not be subject to capacity charges but will be charged based upon equivalent domestic, process, and irrigation use.

Residential irrigation meters will not be charged a capacity fee assuming the property owner has already purchased a domestic residential equivalent unit (REU).