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, April 14, 2026, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

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

Members Absent: Mike Williams

In addition, there were present: Brad Bucy, District Manager; Wes Carter, Operations Manager; Margaret Flow, Business Manager; Lori Grow, Administrative Assistant; Kerri Mackey, Finance Director; Tim Kiser, Engineering Manager; Susan Driscoll and Jim Sheedy, District Legal Counsel.

Gerald White called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and chaired the meeting.

Public Comment as Necessary
There were no public comments.

Gerald White made a motion to amend the agenda to include an update provided on April 14, 2026, from the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG) Drought Management Advisory Group (DMAG) related to implementation of the Low Inflow Protocol. This item will require immediate release to the general public. This agenda item constitutes an emergency unknown when the meeting agenda was published.

Bob Barr approved a motion to update the agenda to add an emergency item at the end of the meeting for a CWWMG DMAG update. Bob Harris seconded. All approved.

Approval of Minutes
Gerald asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the February 24, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes. There were none. RJ Clyburn made a motion to approve the February minutes. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan
Brad provided an update on the projects in the 5, 10, and 20-year Capital Improvement Program as well as demand projections. There was discussion of existing, calculated, and comparative Capacity Fees. Brad also presented a history of retail rate increases. This was provided for information only.

Discussion of Duke Energy Easement Agreement at CRWSP
Duke Energy approached LCWSD and Union County, NC in the Spring of 2025 about the need for an additional easement area on property owned by CRWSP. Duke has a need to construct additional improvements to its substation and overhead transmission lines on the property. The staff and legal counsel for both LCWSD and Union County (Owners) revised the easement agreement and the supporting exhibit map. These revisions were above and beyond Duke Energy's normal requirement of a floating easement; however, Duke accepted the revisions and incorporated them into the final easement agreement. It was critical to the Owners and the operation of CRWSP that this easement be delineated on the property to avoid any potential conflicts to operations especially the adjacent raw water lines and river pump station access. The easement of approximately 0.4 acres was donated to Duke Energy given Duke's concessions in favor of the Owners. This was provided for information only.

Approval of ILWWTP Chemical Storage Improvements Bid
LCWSD received bids for the Indian Land WWTP Chemical Storage Improvements on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Bids were received timely from five (5) bidders. The low bid was from State Utility Contractors, Inc. of Monroe, NC in the amount of $4,926,000. This bid was responsive to the scope of work and the engineer's estimate. The attached Engineer's recommendation letter from Weston & Sampson identifies State Utility as the low, responsive, and responsible bidder. This project will be paid for out of LCWSD's operating capital.

Bob Harris made a motion to approve the State Utility Contractors, Inc. bid in the amount of $4,926,000 in accordance with the Engineer's recommendation letter. Jimmy Deaton seconded. All approved.

Approval of Engineering Agreement for Weston & Sampson Water Model Updates
An Engineering Agreement has been requested from Weston & Sampson for Water Model Updates with a contract amount of $117,400. As the agreement was on the short form engineering agreement template, it did not require legal review since the contract amount was less than $250,000. It only included updates for project specific information. These updates are needed to address and validate new infrastructure and demands in Indian Land as well as proposed infrastructure improvements throughout the County. Included in the updates are high growth projections in the Edgewater Community on Fishing Creek Reservoir. Weston & Sampson is familiar with LCWSD's current water modeling. Their scope includes on-call modeling updates.

Bob Barr made a motion to approve Weston & Sampson's Engineering Agreement in the amount of $117,400. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval of Reimbursement Agreement for Granite Falls

The Granite Falls subdivision on US Hwy 521 across from Arrowood Subdivision has been annexed by the City of Lancaster and the water and sewer customers in that subdivision will belong to the City of Lancaster in accordance with the agreement between City and LCWSD. A new pump station is being constructed and will have a force main to connect to the City of Lancaster's wastewater collection system. LCWSD will own and maintain this pump station and forcemain, as it will ultimately serve LCWSD's territory along Camp Creek to the northeast of Granite Falls. This arrangement was a product of LCWSD's quarterly Capital Improvement meetings with the City of Lancaster to make decisions to provide the most efficient service and minimize duplicity of infrastructure. This pump station infrastructure includes upsizing the adjacent wet well and gravity sewer line as requested by LCWSD in an amount not to exceed $15,968. The wet well was increased to 8' to 10' and the gravity sewer line was upsized from 15" to 18" in diameter. This infrastructure has been installed.

Bob Harris made a motion to approve this Reimbursement Agreement with Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $15,968. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group Drought Management Advisory Group Update

Wes provided a briefing on the current drought status updates shared with LCWSD on April 14, 2026, by the CWWMG DMAG. Wes reviewed slides on drought metrics, weather forecasts, and definitions of Stage 1 drought requirements and beyond. This information is new and important knowledge for the Board of Commissioners to understand as LCWSD prepares upcoming public press releases for the general public. This was provided for information only.

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

There was no executive session.

Adjourn

Bob Harris made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Larry Hammond seconded. All approved.

Robert L. Barr, Secretary