

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 7, 2023. The meeting was held at 100 Water Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee. Board members present were Board Chairman Bill Marsh, Secretary Joe Harris, and Board member Peggy Harwell. Also present, were General Manager Trigg Cathey, Assistant Manager Robert Biggers, Supervisors, Roscoe Brannon, Pete Griffin, Terry Smith, Tommy Wallace, Caryl Giles, Pat McCandless, Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons. Doug Murphy, Georgeanne Martin, Tony White and Scot Dahlstrom were also in attendance.

Chairman Bill Marsh called the meeting to order at 12:00

- Item 1.** The motion was made by Peggy Harwell to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 2.** Bills and Financial Statement – Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons reported on the January 2023 bills and financial statement. Peggy Harwell made a motion to approve the January 2023 bills and financial statement. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

- Item 3.** Water – Sewer Request – There were 7 residential water tap requests and 5 request for residential sewer in the month of January.

- Item 4.** Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 17.6 hours per day. The plant ran at a capacity of 77.7 %. The three-month water loss average was 36.5 % for the month of January.

- Item 5.** Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees processed 260,637 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 24,400 gallons of mud from WTP.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 102 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.
Employees treated and discharged 4.0 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Trips/Classes

NA

Pretreatment

Samplers were set at the followings industries: Allison, Enterprize, West Rock and Baron.

Tours/Visits/ Inspections

Tosha visited the plant on the 12th.

Item 6. Other Business

6a. Project Update

1. The old underground pump station in front of Allison Transmissions is going to be replaced. The new Station, designed by Wauford, was bid out in combination with the Minth (Johnson Controls) sewer lift station and the combined contract was won by Hawkins and Price of Wartrace TN for a cost of \$1,733,117.00. This project is in full production and should be completed by the end of the year. At the co-op booster pump building, electrical work is completed. The pump and piping, to the pumps are installed. There is a hold on the VFD controllers. They are expected to be here in May. The VFD controllers at Minth are expected to be here by April.
2. Industrial Park Sewer Project - The sewer infrastructure (larger pipes on Childress Road) to service MINTH Inc. will need to be in place for their phase two expansion. We will get an economic grant for \$587,000 to help with the project. Pipeworks Plus has begun this job and already installed 3,000 feet of new 8-inch pipe.
3. Loyd Branch Sewer Line Project - This project to remove and replace the sewer pipes with larger ones from Joyce Avenue to Midway Street. The moratorium on new sewer connections has been removed by the fact that this project is underway. We plan to fund this project ourselves. We are expected to get ARP funds 1.8 million dollars to reimburse us for this project. The bids were opened on May 12. We only received two bids and the lowest one was \$2,513,395. This came as a shock because the "rough" estimate was \$1,500,000. Pipeworks Plus has replaced 12 manholes on the city golf course and Manor Circle. They have completed 2,500 feet of new 15-inch line that is now in use.
4. A new project is being planned to improve infrastructure to accommodate 286 houses to be built on Highway 50, across from the Curve Market. This involves the rebuilding of the current Highway 50 lift station, with new concrete and pumps. Wauford Engineering has estimated the cost to be \$435,000. D.R. Horton has agreed to pay for this project so that our current ratepayers do not bear this cost. D.R. Horton has signed the agreement and we have a signed contract for the engineering design to be done by Wauford. D.R. Horton will pay the actual cost of the project and not the estimated cost. The project was annexed into the city on April 12, 2022. Wauford has submitted final plans We will not spend any more money until D.R. Horton has purchased the land for this project. Lewisburg water has received a check for \$435,000. They will pay the actual cost of the project and not the estimated cost. Bid opening will be February 15th.
5. Big Rock Creek sewer improvement project. We have been awarded the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant for wastewater improvements. This money \$450,000, together with our Match of \$102,410, will fund the rehabilitation of the sewer main pipes on the walking trail next to Lone Oak cemetery. Bid opening was December 15th. We received 3 bids. John T. Hall constructions

company was low bidder at \$1,536,125. The preconstruction meeting will be February 15th.

6b. Resolution – Purchase of a new tracked skid steer, not to exceed \$70,000 – Joe Harris made a motion to adopt the resolution to purchase a new tracked skid steer, not to exceed \$70,000. The motion was seconded by Bill Marsh. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

6c. Edward Trombley – dispute on charge for reconnect fee – Mr. Chumbley was not present.

6d. Doug Muphy - Upper Duck River Agency Update - Doug Murphy gave an update as to the status of the agency. He also reflected on the history of the agency and some ideas and projects for the future.

He explained the project that Columbia Power and Water have planned downstream of the city.

6e. Columbia Power & Water – Seeking approval to use \$10,000,000 of Duck River Agency funds for Project – The board decided to defer the vote on this issue until the March meeting

Joe Harris had to leave the meeting at 12:48 pm.

Miscellaneous

1. Bill Marsh made a motion to purchase a tanker truck to haul liquid waste for the wastewater plant. The motion was seconded by Peggy Harwell. Motion passed. Vote voice – 2 ayes.
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Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris

