

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 17, 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, Supervisors Pete Griffin, Terry Smith, Caryl Giles, Tommy Wallace, Roscoe Brannon, Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus and Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons. Donny Groves with Chapel Hill Utilities was 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 September 19, 2023 meeting. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote – 3 ayes.

Item 2. September Bills and Financial Statement – Administrative Assistant Lisa Parsons reported on The August 2023 bills and financial statement. Peggy Harwell made a motion to approve the September 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 13 residential water tap requests and 6 requests for residential sewer in the month of September.

Item 4. Water Plant- Reports and Memos – The water plant operated at an average of 19.4 hours per day. The plant monthly capacity was 83.6%. The three-month water loss average was 26.7 % for the month of September.

Item 5. Wastewater Plant- Report and Memos - Employees processed 235,654 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 15,800 gallons of sludge from the Cornersville WWTP to be converted into biosolids.

Employees hauled 444 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals:

Employees treated and discharged 29.9 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.

Employees treated and discharged 19 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Pretreatment

Enterprize Container was sampled.

Tours/Visits/Inspections

NA

Item 6. Other Business

6a. Project Update

1. The project to rebuild the Highway 50 lift station, with new concrete and new pumps, is underway. The low bid was from J. Cumby construction and was \$499,000.00. Work has begun. They are bypass pumping the sewer and the old station has been demolished.
 2. Big Rock Creek sewer improvement project. We have been awarded the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant of \$450,000 for wastewater improvements. This project is the rehabilitation of the sewer main pipes on the walking trail next to Lone Oak cemetery. Bid opening was December 15th. We received three bids. John T. Hall constructions company was low bidder at \$1,536,125. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 15th. They will begin when they have ductile iron pipe which is a long lead time item. The CSX railroad has caused a delay in this project.
 3. The Installation of a new 8-inch water line to Cornersville. This line will run 5,000 feet from Underpass Road to Beechwood Ave. We are going to do it with in-house labor. It has been surveyed by Wauford, and TDEC state forms are being submitted. We expect to begin the job by November of 2023.
 4. We have begun an in-house water leak detection with Chris Haislip directing the meter readers and other personnel to listen for leaks. We have found many small leaks and two large ones.
- 6b. Resolution – Septic tank haulers dumping fee – Peggy Harwell made the motion to adopt the resolution to increase the fee from \$30 per thousand to \$100 per thousand beginning January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Harris. Motion passed. Voice Vote – 3 ayes.

Miscellaneous

Trigg Cathey advised the board that 1,381 homes had been approved to use water from our department and 1,736 more homes are seeking approval to use water. Due to water capacity concerns, the Board unanimously agreed to pause approval of all housing developments of 5 or more homes. The water capacity situation will be revisited July 1, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris

