# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. January 26, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission was held on the above-mentioned date and time in the Power Commission Board Room at 202 South Seventh Street.

There Were Present: John Pridgen

Rusty Slade Ray Hughes

Alissa Wright Wilkerson

Sam Farrow James Dowdy Mark Crenshaw James Nance

Absent: None

Others Present: Michael Ivey, General Manager

Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney

Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Ronnie Miller, Production Manager Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager

Chad Young, IT Director

Clark Harrell, County Administrator

Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Via Telephone: Blake Manning, Operations Manager

Media Present: WSST – John Sinyard

## Call to Order

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Chairman, John Pridgen, called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

# Oath of Office

Chairman Pridgen turned the meeting over to the Attorney, Rick Lawson, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Mark Crenshaw, James R. Dowdy, Sam Farrow, Jr., Warren Ray Hughes, James Nance, John Pridgen, Russell Slade, and Alissa Wright Wilkerson. Signed Oaths are attached to and become a part of these minutes.

#### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the General Manager to preside over the election of Chairman.

**Chairman** - Ray Hughes made a motion to nominate John Pridgen for Chairman, seconded by Sam Farrow. Mr. Pridgen was elected unanimously. Manager Ivey turned the meeting over to Chairman Pridgen, who then called for the election of Vice-Chairman.

**Vice-Chairman** - Rusty Slade made the motion to nominate Ray Hughes for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Sam Farrow. There was a unanimous vote to elect Ray Hughes as Vice-Chairman.

**Secretary** - A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to elect Ladreka Daniels as Secretary of the Commission.

# **Appointments**

**Attorney** - A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to appoint Richard Lawson with Lawson, Reid, & Dean, LLC Attorneys at Law as Attorney for the Commission.

**Agri-Industrial Division Representative** – A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to appoint Rusty Slade to serve on the Agri-Industrial Board.

**Lake Blackshear Appeals Board** – A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to appoint James Dowdy, III, James Nance, Alissa Wright Wilkerson, and Ray Hughes as Alternate to serve on the Lake Blackshear Appeals Board.

**Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Representative** – A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to re-appoint Rusty Slade to serve on the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Board.

**Keep Crisp Beautiful Board** – A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to re-appoint Ronnie Miller to serve on the Keep Crisp Beautiful Board.

**Main Street** – A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Sam Farrow and unanimously carried to appoint Alissa Wilkerson and Becky Fitzgibbons to both serve on the Main Street Board.

**Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board -** A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Ray Hughes and unanimously carried to re-appoint Chairman John Pridgen to serve on the Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board.

## By-Laws

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and carried to approve the Commission By-Laws for 2021. A copy of the By-Laws is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

# **Check Signing Resolution**

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by James Dowdy to approve the Check-Signing Resolution with all of the Commissioners, General Manager, and Office Manager authorized to sign checks. A copy of the resolution is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

#### **MEAG MTC Authorization**

Manager Ivey presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and himself, to execute MEAG Trust and other documents requested of MEAG.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman and General Manager to execute MEAG documents.

#### **ECG** Authorizations

Manager Ivey presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and himself, to execute ECG voting requirements and other documents requested of ECG.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by Ray Hughes, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman and General Manager to execute ECG documents.

# Minutes

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by James Dowdy, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular December monthly meeting.

#### Review of Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,279,556.70
Operating Expenses	\$3,673,174.20
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	(\$344,673.73)
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$719,258.04
Total Funds On Hand	\$11,494,202.91

Manager Ivey reported sales in Residential and Commercial were more than December 2019 due to colder weather. Industrial sales were down mostly due to the shutdown of Norbord Line 1 and the ongoing effects of Covid. Ivey reported the net margin for the month was below the December five year average. Heating Degree Days for December

2020 were 63% above last year and 68% above the 5-year average. Sales for December were below budged expectations. Year to Date, we are 2.5% below Budget projections for sales and approximately 8.8% below energy sales for 2019.

Hydro-electric production for December was 10% above the long-term average and about the same as the production of December 2019. Manager Ivey reported Unit #2 is out of service for maintenance which means we will begin opening flood gates sooner than normal.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the December 2020 Financial Statements.

# **Budget to Actual Review of 2020**

Manager Ivey noted that overall sales were slightly below budget and total revenue was slightly above budget. Manager Rentfrow stated overall power cost was 2.9% above budget.

# Natural Gas CT RFP

Manager Ivey reported that as of December 21, 2020, the fourth report had been submitted by the adjuster. He reported the replacement cost estimate is now around \$4.6M which means \$2.6M wasn't included in the original estimate. Our consultants advised that the entire proposal is fair and reasonable considering the replacement of items not damaged but must be replaced, the age of the existing equipment, the inability to find compatible parts for repairs, and the ability to tie into the existing system. If approved, the turn-around time from placing the order, building the CT, and installing it is roughly one year.

# Report on MEAG January 2021 BOD Meeting

Manager Ivey reported the MEAG Board meeting was held by teleconference. He reported natural gas prices dropped due to mild weather both in November and December with an increase in spot market prices due to MEAG being a seller in December. He reported the projected price for natural gas and spot market have both dropped below the initial 2021 budget expectations. Manager Ivey also reported the nuclear units continue to perform well. Plant Hatch is down due to nearing end of fuel life. It has an output of 94% and will continue declining until the February re-fueling. Coal output is due to some environmental testing and some sales. He reported that Wansley has been off since 2019 but was turned on for testing. The combined cycle NG plant had a record annual output. Hydro production and SEPA resources were up nearly 40% above budget.

Manager Ivey reported the Board received reports from its Risk Management/Audit and Personnel Committees along with a report on the status of the Vogtle 3&4 Project. He presented the Board with a brief slide presentation of the Vogtle project updates. Ivey reported there are 80 reported Covid cases and 250 reported in quarantine. Ivey also

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reported on some of the Corporate, Federal, and State events that are happening during this time.

# Report on Current Projects

- Chris Hewitt reported that they have been working with McLane and the paperwork had been submitted on the work plan. The Hwy 280 project is one to two weeks out in hoping to receive the notice to proceed. He reported Southeast Sub is completed and the bushings have been tested. Chris reported due to shipping issues, there are two closures remaining to have Hwy 33 Sub complete. He reported inventory went very well with minor issues. They hope to replace the switches for Greer Street within the next few weeks. Hewitt also reported they will also be replacing switches on Hwy 90 and Midway Road. He reported there are nine irrigations that have come in with four signed and the other five are promising.
- Blake Manning reported they are working on 46kv pole changes. He reported they are also assisting with the switch changes at Southeast Sub and running fiber optic wiring. His crews are working with Helena to move lines and fibers as they complete an expansion project. Crews are completing Right of Way in City and he reported contractors will be coming in to assist with clearing lines in the rural areas.
- Becky Fitzgibbons reported Hurricane Michael's reimbursement is still pending a Final Inspection Report and the GEMA rep hopes to begin working on our Final Inspection Reports in the next few months.
- Ronnie Miller reported his crews are hoping to have the rehabbing of Unit #2 completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported the stop log repairs are complete. He also reported due to Covid concerns, the campground remains closed; however, the boat ramp is still open.
- Troy Gilliam reported seawall repairs and constructions have decreased due to the prices of materials.
- Grant Buckley reported the November unemployment rate was 7%. He also reported on the Helena expansion on Fenn Road. He also reported the SPEC building is back on the market with one of the largest and well know realtors. He reported the contractors working on the Indian River project are requesting bids on parts for the project so they are still experiencing slight delays.

#### **Other Business**

Manager Ivey reported the Crisp County Community Council requested \$10,000 per year from the Commission for funding assistance. He reported this was going to be part of the budget discussions back in December but somehow wasn't included. City of Cordele will be donating \$5,000 per year and the County will be supplying the building and maintenance. He reported this is not in the current list of charitable donations for this budget year. It was reported that Albany State University (formerly Darton College) never request their funds. A suggestion was made and agreed upon that we use the \$10,000

budget approved funds allocated to Albany State University be used to support the Crisp County Community Council.

Manager Ivey reported a need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

## **Executive Session**

No action taken.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chairman called the meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission back into regular order.

# **Meeting Adjourned**

Chairman Pridgen announced that there was no further business to come before the Commission and declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary

Approved this 23<sup>ra</sup>

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2021

## GEORGIA, CRISP COUNTY

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned chairperson of the Crisp County Power Commission, who in oath, states that he/she presided over the meeting of said organization on the date specified below, that he/she is an adult, competent to testify to the statements herein contained, is laboring under not disabilities and makes this statement to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, aware of the fact that this statement will be made part of the record of said meeting.

A portion of said meeting was closed to the public (held in "Executive Session"), and that the subject matter of the closed portion thereof was devoted exclusively to matters within the exceptions to the "Open Meeting Law" (OCGA section 50-14-1, et seq), and that the specific relevant exception(s) thereof is indicated below by a check mark in the blank immediately preceding said exception.

<b>✓</b>	Attorney/client privileged matters concerning pending or potential litigation.
	Tax matters made confidential by a state law.
× <del></del>	Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
	Discussions concerning the future acquisition of real estate.
	Discussions or deliberating upon the appointment, and employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluations or rating of a public officer or employee.

This \_26th\_day of \_January\_, 2021

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia

Sworn to and described before me this \_26th\_day of \_January , 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 01/07/2024

**SEAL**