

local authorities. He also reported some of the equipment that has been installed does not comply with codes and our customers may incur larger charges to remove the equipment or make changes to it. Manager Ivey encouraged the public to use caution and verify information given by sales people and installers. He also encouraged the public to check on their family members that may live alone and contact us about any potential rate impacts and savings before signing agreements.

Crisp County Community Council

Sherry Evans, Executive Director with the Crisp County Community Council expressed her sincere appreciation for the donation from the Commission. She briefly explained the Council's mission, vision, and community development goals. She hopes the Commission and the Council continues to grow in their relationship to help ensure all kids in Cordele/Crisp County are healthy, ready for school, and successful in school, while living in a safe, self-sufficient family, and a thriving community.

Review of January 2021 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,830,134.82
Operating Expenses	\$3,557,641.33
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$551,745.81
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$551,745.81
Total Funds On Hand	\$11,264,382.16

Manager Ivey reported that sales for January in all Classes were more than the same month last year due to cold weather. Heating Degree Days for the month of January 2021 were 21% above last year and 7% above the 5-year average. MWh sales were close to budgeted expectations. Revenue from sales was more than the same month last year by 15.8%.

Hydro-electric production for January was 1.5% less than the long-term average and about 8% below January 2020. Manager Ivey reported with Unit#2 out of service for maintenance, we will begin opening flood gates sooner than normal and spill water rather than generating electricity. SEPA generation was 6% above average.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by James Dowdy and unanimously carried to approve the January 2021 Financial Statements.

#2 Hydro Repair

Manager Ivey reported during the scheduled repair for Unit #2, we uncovered some additional internal wear. Out of the three (3) secured quotes, American Hydro gave the best offer of \$250,000 to perform the work using our maintenance staff for all onsite work. Taking this option saves a considerable amount of money and provides great training. Ronnie Miller reported we originally had \$100,000 in the budget to replace the oil pumps in addition to the \$50,000 that was already budgeted for replacing the wicket gate bushings on Hydro #2. One of our employees, Brian Fennell, was able to repair #1 oil pump so we don't need to replace the oil pump system saving us \$98,000. Miller is requesting that we re-purpose the oil pump money (\$98,000) to perform the repairs on

Hydro #2 which will only increase our total budget for that unit by \$102,000 and fully rehabilitate Hydro Unit #2.

A motion was made Ray Hughes seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the re-purposing of \$98,000 from the oil pump repairs and increase Hydro Unit #2's budget by \$102,000 for repairs to fully complete and rehabilitate Unit #2 Hydro.

Report on MEAG Feb 2021 PSC and BOD Meeting

Manager Ivey reported the Power Supply Committee (PSC) meeting was held by teleconference. There was a report on the fuel risk management program. The combined-cycle NG unit is historically the least expensive resource but the recent storm caused an NG price spike. December's coal burn cost more because of coal replacement cost vs inventory costs. Ivey reported the committee will review and propose some minor PSC charter modifications by April or May.

Because of the Texas winter storm, some Texas utilities have spent their entire annual budget for NG in one week. Some windmills were frozen. Ivey reported historically, there was a pipeline shortage vs natural gas commodity shortage but that reversed. There was plenty of pipe but limited natural gas. There was also a shut-down of shale supply. Ivey Reported RTO & Reliability Councils may decide to increase reserve margins and give renewables less capacity credit than in the past. GPC may go to 26% winter reserve margins and 16% summer reserve margin due to natural gas supply reliability. Ivey reported wells will have to be inspected but the DOE does not expect long-term natural gas well damage so we should expect supply to recover and return to normal.

Manager Ivey reported during the MEAG BOD meeting, it was reported that natural gas prices (20%) and spot market prices (10%) dropped due to mild weather. The nuclear units continue to perform and utilization was 11% above budget. Plant Hatch is down due to nearing end of fuel life. Coal utilization is close to budget. NG utilization was 32% above budget due to low NG prices. SEPA was 10% above budget due to high river flows. Off-system purchases were down due to using more on-system resources.

Manager Ivey reported MEAG's energy resource mix for January and the last 12 months continue to be mostly from nuclear and gas fuels and low carbon emissions. He reported they were 71% non-emitting in January and 69% non-emitting for the last 12 months. Manager Ivey reported transmission work included work on the North Americus – North Tifton 230 kV line to address constraints for power flow in South Georgia. This work includes 60 miles of lines and will replace 165 rusting structures out of 228, replace all conductors, and upgrade the maximum operating temperatures from 55o C to 100o C. He reported in-house management worked well and completed the work on 02/05/2021 which was ahead of their original completion date of 06/30/2021. They also completed the work with a projected final cost of \$31M which is less than their estimated budget of \$43.5M.

Manager Ivey also gave a brief report on some of the activities that are taking place in the State, Federal, and local communities. He reported staff is recommending in-person attendance for the Annual MEAG meeting with COVID screenings. They recognize that

in-person meetings are critical for relation building and will also help avoid liquidated damages from the venues for non-attendance. MEAG will be sending out a questionnaire to help decide on in-person vs virtual attendance. Manager Ivey also gave an update on Vogtle 3&4 Projects. He reported TEA pricing volatility caused a draw on credit account but they should get re-paid within 30 days after sales revenues from contracts are realized.

Report on Current Projects

- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported crews worked on switching schemes on Greer Street/Hwy 90. Southwest Sub was switched out and de-energized on yesterday and bushings, etc. were looked at. Hewitt reported we have four (4) irrigations on the way and $\frac{3}{4}$ are waiting on contracts. There was no update on the Hwy 280 project. He reported they have a meeting scheduled with the new Osmose rep on 02/25/2021 to inspect 3,000 poles around East Interstate 75/South Hwy 280 that was last inspected around 2011. He reported after this inspection, we should be caught up and then be on an eight (8) year cycle. The fiber layout process has begun and is now in the design phase with hopes to be completed around April 2021. Hewitt reported the underground remediation project to replace bad underground wiring will be underway in a couple of weeks and they hope to meet with Greg Turton with Southern Fiber Worx for assistance.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are completing daily maintenance work due to all the wet weather. He reported he is working on a contractual agreement with a company that will assist ROW in cutting 4xs more shrubs and trees in a week than usual. The crew will work for six (6) weeks at hourly rates to help with 600 miles of line beginning on Hwy 90.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported the movie that was in production at the Plant is now completed. He reported the movie crew had great things to say about our company and Crisp County.
- ❖ In Troy Gilliam's absence, Ronnie Miller reported that there were several areas sprayed mid-February and that there are not too many construction projects on the lake to due to high material costs.
- ❖ Becky Fitzgibbons reported our auditors, Mauldin and Jenkins, will be here in mid-March and remain for approximately two (2) weeks. The auditors will also set up a secure site where we will be able to submit items electronically. She reported we have had several high bill complaints in part due to very cold winter temperatures with last year being one of our mildest winters to date to compare and in part due to our recent rate increase.
- ❖ Grant Buckley reported the physical activities that are occurring South of Perry on Interstate 75, \$55M/800 acres of solar panels will be installed by Silicone Ranch. He reported Helena Chemicals are still working on constructing a fertilizer storage facility and Harris Press will also begin a remodeling project. The old Pepsi facility on Midway Rd/East 9th Avenue was purchased by Perry Brothers. Buckley also reported there is some type of new design truck stop that will be going where the old Perlis Truckstop was located. Grant gave a brief report on the Indian River project and the unemployment rate.

Other Business

Donating Guidelines

Manager Ivey reported we are set up to support economic developments such as schools, workforce development, and downtown business development but now social organizations in general. He reported we do advertise in some social organization flyers, etc. as part of our advertising efforts. To make sure we are consistent in our support efforts, Manager Ivey reported our legal counsel is working on getting us some written donating guidelines.

Critical Account/Medical Certification Policy

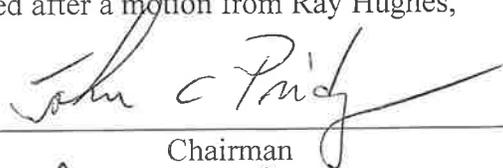
Manager Ivey reported we have outages that are sometimes due to nature such as storms, animals, and trees, switching to load constraints, for repairs, equipment failure, human error, and non-payment. He reported we cannot guarantee power so customers must/should have a back-up plan during power outages. He reported service alone should not be used for critical, medical equipment. Ivey also reported as a government entity, providing service to an individual with no payment violates the constitution. He reported according to the constitutional gratuities clause, we must disconnect customers for non-payment.

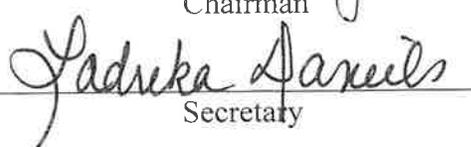
Currently, we require a letter from a medical doctor stating a patient/customer at a specific address has a medical necessity for power and that patient/customer has a load limiter (provides 15 amps of power) installed on their meter that will support low amperage medical equipment. The load limiter will remain installed until that patient/customer pays their utility bill. Becky Fitzgibbons reported several of our customers have learned to live on this apparatus installed on their meter. She reported we now have 31 active accounts with load limiters installed and two (2) customers that have not made any payment for several years with an unpaid balance around \$5,100-\$5,500. Fitzgibbons also mentioned since 2017, it has cost \$34,000 plus to install, remove, and assist (stand-by sent out to reset or show customers how to reset the load limiter) customers with load limiters. Ivey reported we checked with other utilities, have been working with legal counsel, and would like to adopt the Critical Account/Medical Certification Policy (copy of draft presented) if approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to adopt the Critical Account/Medical Certification Policy with an effective date of April 1, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Pridgen announced there was no further business to come before the Commission and declared the meeting adjourned after a motion from Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson.


Chairman


Secretary

Approved this 23rd day of March 2021