

**CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA**

2:00 P.M.
March 23, 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, Chairman
Ray Hughes, Vice-Chairman
Rusty Slade
Alissa Wilkerson
Sam Farrow
James Nance
Mark Crenshaw

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
James Dowdy, Commissioner
Clark Harrell, County Administrator
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Blake Manning, Operations Manager
Ronnie Miller, Plant Manager
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Chad Young, IT Director
Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Media Present:

Jon Sinyard WSST-TV

Call To Order

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

Minutes

A motion was made by James Nance, seconded by Ray Hughes and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular February 23, 2021 meeting.

Review of February 2021 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,795,423.05
Operating Expenses	\$3,870,711.55
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	(\$39,610.53)
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$512,135.28
Total Funds On Hand	\$11,508,099.22

Manager Ivey noted that total energy sales for March were overall greater than the same month last year by 18% and above average over the past 5 years. He reported HCDDs for March 2021 was 417 while this time last year there were 321 HCDDs. This was 29.9% above last year and 150% above the 5-year average. Ivey reported revenue from sales was greater than the same month last year by 17%. Manager Ivey reported our sales trend improved from 2020 and that we will continue to monitor the long-term trend.

Manager Ivey reported hydroelectric production was 14% less than the long-term average and 85% more than the same month last year. Flows were above average during the entire month of March causing floodgates to be opened during much of the period. SEPA generation was 6% above average. Ivey reported Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance which means we must begin opening flood gates sooner than normal and spill water rather than generating electricity.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the February Financial Statements.

Pension Actuarial Report

Manager Ivey gave a brief report of our Pension plan. He reported during 2020, the Pension Plan assets increased from \$15,711,103 to \$17,509,752. The plan liabilities increased from \$18,842,996 to \$20,183,582. The actuarial assets gained \$510,271 and liabilities increased \$638,077, yielding a net actuarial loss of \$127,806. There was a decrease in the 2021 recommended funding to \$939,100, down from \$1,115,363 in 2020 primarily due to asset gain and reduction in amortization payment. Ivey reported our plan has 64 current employees, 42 retirees or beneficiaries, and 11 deferred vested (former) employees.

Monthly Pension Contribution

Manager Ivey reported the 2021 recommended contribution is \$939,100 (down from \$1,115,363 in 2020). He reported for the remaining nine months of 2021 (April-December), the new contribution amount will be \$60,218 per month, effective April 2021. He presented a calculation of the new contribution amount and requested approval from the Board.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the new pension contribution amount of \$60,218 for the remaining months of April-December 2021, effective April 2021.

Report on MEAG March 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

Manager Ivey reported that the March MEAG Board meeting was again held by teleconference. Both natural gas and spot market prices were above budgeted expectations due to the recent storm but are expected to be near budget for the rest of the year. The nuclear units performed well at 2% higher than budgeted. Plant Hatch is still down due to nearing end of fuel life. Ivey reported coal utilization was 22.8% above budget due to the recent storm. Natural gas utilization was 6.7% above budget with a planned outage in March.

SEPA was above budget due to high river flows but we expect normal output for the remainder of the year. Off-system purchases were down due to using more on-system

resources. Manager Ivey reported MEAG generation was 62% non-emitting in February and 69% non-emitting for the past 12 months. Energy consumption was 3.3% more than last year and off-system sales margins were 175% above budget due to the high market impact of the storm. Manager Ivey also reported on some of the corporate activities on the state and federal levels that are taking place in other MEAG communities.

He presented a presentation from MEAG on the lessons learned from the recent storm in Texas. He reported the storm had severe impact across the entire mid-continent. There were natural gas supply curtailments, energy outages across multiple source types, and ballistic natural gas and power prices. The presentation also included the resource, wholesale, and retail power market challenges. Texas had to deal with freezing equipment and pipelines (20% of natural gas supply was not available), non-dispatchable energy was not reliable and required fossil-fuel backup, and required rolling blackouts because loads were not met. Manager Ivey reported other challenges in Texas was caused due to Texas deregulating many years prior and having “energy only” market promoted by wind and solar resources which was 30%-50% available during the crisis event. They didn’t have a capacity market which meant no funds to encourage reserve supplies. He reported back in 2011 Texas composed a lesson learned report; however, it was not implanted because there was no incentive to do so and no obligation to serve which lead to failure. Ivey gave a report on MEAG’s perspective and summary to the Texas electric crisis.

Manager Ivey also gave a report on the Vogtle projects. He announced that the 2021 MEAG Power Annual Meeting will be held in person on July 12-14th in Amelia Island. Ivey reported voting normally takes place at the annual meeting but due to COVID impacts, a virtual vote will be held one week before the annual meeting.

MEAG 2020 YES

Manager Ivey reported the MEAG Board received an update on the 2020 MEAG Year End Settlement which will total \$35 million less a recommended reserve will yield \$27 million. Crisp’s portion is \$724,403 and the YES from the TeleCom Project is \$1,780. He recommended that both be placed into the MCT.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Rusty Slade and unanimously carried to place both the MEAG YES and TeleCom YES in the MCT.

Current Projects

- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported crews were performing relay changeouts in substations on I75 and hopes to have them back up by Friday. Engineering crews were working on the switching on Greer Street. Hwy 90/Midway change-outs were not communicating so crews will continue to work on it. He reported they are drafting the job to place Harveys Supermarket and the Dialysis Center on East 16th Avenue in Walmart’s switching scheme. Hewitt reported they hope to have the State Park’s drawings to the Operations department by Friday. He reported out of four (4) irrigation projects: one has been completed, one is 70% complete, one has not been started due to wet conditions, and one should be released in a couple of weeks. Chris reported Osmose has been sent pole data and they hope to start mid-April. The Hwy 280 project is underway and will cover around four miles per section.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported he’s going through the substations to get regulator sizes for Milsoft.

- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews on working on projects from the Tech Services department. He reported the ROW contractor arrived yesterday and are making great progress in cutting tree limbs 15 feet from our power lines. He reported these types of cutbacks normally occur approximately every 3 years.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported the disassembling of Unit #2 is going well with no new issues to report. He reported ash pond bids have been released and they are scheduled to have a zoom pre-bid meeting in two weeks and days after they will schedule a local walk through.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported though the price of construction materials remains higher than normal, some homeowners are beginning to work on or construct new docks. He reported Aqua services started early February with one spraying and are spraying today with hopes of finishing tomorrow.
- ❖ Grant Buckley reported on the unemployment rate. He reported Indian River Transport and the engineer and architect are still exchanging drawings.
- ❖ Chad Young reported he and the electrical crews are working with an Atlanta vendor to create a program to trace and find fiber issues within a few minutes. He reported it is about 40% complete and they have weekly update meetings on Wednesdays and weekly technical update meetings on Fridays.

Other Business

Manager Ivey reported the APPA Annual Conference is scheduled for June 20th-23rd and our June board meeting is scheduled for June 22nd. He asked the Board to decide on the day and time of the June's meeting. The Board agreed to move June 2021 board meeting from June 22nd to Tuesday, June 29th at 2:00 pm to allow board members to attend the 2021 APPA Annual Conference.

Ivey reminded the Board that the Critical Accounts Policy that was voted on and approved at the February's 2021 board meeting will go into effect Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Manager Ivey gave a brief report on the turbine replacement.

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 27th day of April 2021