# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. April 27, 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 Dowdy Mark Crenshaw

Others Present: Michael Ivey, General Manager

Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer

Blake Manning, Operations Manager Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Ronnie Miller, Plant Manager Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager

Chad Young, IT Director
Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Absent: James Nance, County Commissioner

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 Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular March 23, 2021 meeting.

## Review of March 2021 Financial Statement

\$3,026,261.57
\$3,598,426.77
(\$509,647.63)
\$2,487.65
\$11,417,869.91

Manager Michael Ivey noted that sales for March were overall less than the same month last year. He reported HDDs for March 2021 were 219 which are more than March 2020 which saw 194. HCDD increased 12.6% over last year and 17% below the 5-year monthly average. Energy production was up 6.2% from last year. MWH sales for the month were 8.2% below budget and 8.5% below the same month in 2020 and 6.0% above budget YTD.

Manager Ivey reported hydroelectric production was 5.4% above the long-term average and 15.5% more than the same month last year. SEPA generation was 3.6% above budget. Ivey reported Unit#2 is still out of service for maintenance which means we will spill water rather than generate electricity.

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by Ray Hughes and unanimously carried to approve the March 2021 Financial Statements.

# **Permit Hearing Committee Report**

Commissioner Wilkerson reported the Committee unanimously agreed that the addition of a floating jet ski ramp to an existing boathouse and dock exceeded the allowable square footage. Wilkerson reported the Committee denied the appeal and upheld the standards outlined in the Pier and Dock Permit Policies under the Federal Power Act (FPA). The owner of the floating jet ski dock has sixty (60) days from April 19<sup>th</sup> to bring his dock structure into compliance or remove the floating jet ski dock in which he agreed to do.

# **Consideration of Employee Compensation Changes**

Manager Ivey reported the change in the cost of living for 2020 was 2.6% based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)/CPI Rate. He recommended a 2.6% cost of living with a 1% Merit increase to be disbursed to employees in accordance with the Commission's Wage and Salary Plan.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the above recommendation to begin the first full pay period in May.

# Report on April's MEAG Board of Directors Meeting

Manager Ivey reported that the April MEAG Board meeting was again held by teleconference on April 15th. An update was given on the fixed and variable costs. Natural gas prices were below budget and expect to remain below budget for the remainder of the year. Spot market prices were close to budget and are expected to remain near budget for the remainder of the year. The nuclear units continue to perform well although Plant Hatch is down for refueling; nuclear utilization was 3.4% below budget.

Ivey reported coal utilization was 1.5% below budget. Scherer #1 and #2 both were on planned outages. NG utilization was 14.2% above budget and was on outage but is now back at full output. SEPA was 12.6% above budget but we expect normal output for the remainder of the year. Off-system purchases were near budget. Manager Ivey reported MEAG's energy resource mix for the month and for the last 12 months continue to be mostly from Nuclear and Gas fuels and relatively low carbon emissions. They were 75% non-emitting in March and 70% non-emitting for the last 12 months. Ivey reported energy

Page **416** consumption was up 3.5% over last year and 2.3% above budget. Off systems sales volume was near budget and margins were way above budget due to the recent storm.

Manager Ivey reported a tornado landed in the north Georgia areas of Newnan and Cartersville causing significant damages and moving over 900,000cu yards of debris. With the extensive damages, MEAG only had 306 minutes of outage which is small compared to the reported damages. ITS was able to transfer most loads to alternate feeds very quickly unless there were no alternate supply corridors. It was reported that it took 3-5 days for restoration and Newnan thanked MEAG, ECG, and GPC for the help they received.

Ivey also gave a report on the corporate affairs that are happening around our areas on federal and state levels. He also reported the Transmission Summer Meeting will be held virtually on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the MEAG Power Board Meeting will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>, the APPA National Conference will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> and virtually July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>, and the MEAG Power Annual Meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup> with the Board Election to held around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ivey also gave a brief on the Risk Committee's activities. He presented a slide presentation on the Vogtle Project update and progress. Ivey also gave a report on the Southeast Energy Exchange Market (SEEM) and solar initiatives.

## **Current Projects**

- \* Rick Vaughn reported he is still working on the Construction Work Plan which is now 60% complete and they will continue to work on maps.
- Blake Manning reported crews are continuing to work on the HWY 280 W project and with two weeks in they have built about a mile and half of line. He reported the work looks very good. He reported crews should be completing circuit 20/30 today and will begin on circuit 20/20 right after. Manning reported we did not have any major outages during the recent storm, only a few scattered calls.
- Ronnie Miller reported after cleaning the additional cavitation found on the bottom ring of Unit #2, it is now completely disassembled and is waiting on trucks to arrive to haul it to PA. There was no news to report on the turbine. He reported we hopes to start hauling ash by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Troy Gilliam reported buoys were put out in Valhalla Cove. He reported docks are being constructed; however, there has been some dilapidated docks and non-compliant structures found and we are in the process of addressing those. Gilliam reported some areas will be sprayed next month.
- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported Cordele Substation will be out tomorrow for repair to an arm. He reported Hwy 280 project is progressing; however, there was a small delay because some line drawings had to be resubmitted and we are waiting on back orders of wiring. He reported Osmose will be in our areas looking at 2500 to 2600 poles. Chris reported the switching schemes on Greer St., Hwy 90/Midway Road, and Harveys are now on Walmart's switching scheme. He also reported there are nine (9) irrigation projects.
- ❖ Grant Buckley gave an update on the unemployment percentage. He reported activity is up in our area. He also reported the Love's Truckstop applied to the City of Cordele for around 45 to 50 spaces for RV use to the West side of the building. He also reported a prospect was coming to see the SPEC building and Indian River Transport applied for a soil disturbance permit.

## **Other Business**

Chairman Pridgen made a motion, seconded by Ray Hughes to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>

day of Ma

2021

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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.

-	Attorney/client privileged matters concerning pending or potential litigation.
	Tax matters made confidential by a state law.
	Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
	Discussions concerning the future acquisition of real estate.
<b>√</b>	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 \_27th\_day of \_April\_, 2021

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia

Sworn to and described before me this

\_27th\_day of \_April\_, 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11/7/2024.