

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION  
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.  
September 28, 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  
Alissa Wilkerson  
Sam Farrow, Jr.  
James Dowdy  
Larry Felton

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager  
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary  
Rick Lawson, Attorney  
Doug Dean, Attorney  
Mark Crenshaw, County Commissioner  
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager  
Chad Young, IT Director  
Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager  
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager  
Blake Manning, Operations Manager  
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager  
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer  
Grant Buckley, IDA Director

Absent:

Rusty Slade, Commissioner

Media:

Rick Smarr

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular August meeting.

**Review of August 2021 Financial Statements**

Operating Revenues	\$4,500,664.57
Operating Expenses	\$4,105,903.90
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$427,701.38

Year to Date Net Revenues	\$372,636.42
Total Funds On-Hand	\$10,272,140.43

Manager Ivey reported energy sales for the month in the residential and industrial classes were down while commercial class was slightly more the same month last year. HCDD for the month were 11.3% below last year and 5.9% below the long-term average. Energy production was down 7.3% over last year. Sales of energy were down 7.9% and revenue was down 3.8% compared to this time last year.

Hydro-electric production during the month of August was 43.3% more than the long-term average and 19.7% greater than August 2020. SEPA generation was 30.8% above the budgeted long-term average. Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance.

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

### **Unit #2 Gate Repair**

Manager Ivey reported while work was being performed on #2 hydro, crews discovered Unit #2 wicket gates will need to be repaired or replaced. Ivey reported #1 and #2 are 90-year old gates that has been patched on and repaired several times and if repaired this time the repaired work will not covered with a warranty and there is a risk of additional defects being discovered. Manager Ivey presented two estimates and inspection and recommendations for #2 wicket gates from American Hydro. The rehabilitation estimate is \$498,540 and will take 30 weeks to complete and the cost estimate to build new gates is \$568,040 and will take 36 weeks to complete. Staff agrees with American Hydro's recommendation to build new wicket gates and seeks approval to moved forward.

A motion was made Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to build new wicket gates for Unit #2.

### **Report on MEAG September 2021 BOD Meeting**

Manager Ivey reported the MEAG Board meeting was held on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. He reported budget to actual, fixed and variable costs were under budget by \$24.7M. Variable costs were over budget by \$1.9M due to increased fuel costs, some units not previously been scheduled to run, and some scheduled units ran more for native load than was budgeted. Fixed costs were under budget by \$26.6M with \$18.8M due to debt service and Generation O&M. Renewal and Replacement (R&R) was under budget by \$2.4M for the month and \$2.2M YTD. Ivey reported natural gas and spot market prices are above budget and are expected to remain there for the remainder of the year.

Manager Ivey reported the nuclear units continue to perform well and utilization was 1.2% above budget. He reported hatch #1 had a forced outage due to a feeder breaker problem but it is currently at 100%. Coal utilization is 13.8% above budget due to increased mark prices, off-system sales, and outage covering. Nuclear gas utilization was 15% above budget because it is running more than expected. SEPA was 21.5% above budget ad we expect elevated outputs for the rest of the year. Off-system purchase were below budget due to serving native load with owned resources rather than market.

Manager Ivey gave an update on the progress of Vogtle 3&4 projects. He also presented the Board with a slide presentation of the Vogtle progress.

He updated the Board on the progress of the Plant Vogtle project. He also presented some corporate affairs about issues around the MEAG communities and the state to include the “Build Back Better Act” that includes a Clean Energy Performance Plan. It requires retail electric providers to increase their percentage of clean electricity by 4% a year from 2023-2030. Utilities would receive a grant for meeting the 4% target and face penalties for not meeting the target. APPA will continue to address any concerns. Ivey reported MEAG approved the preliminary system and Telecom budgets.

### **Current Projects**

- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported the warehouse expansion should be completed by the end of week and the office remodel should be completed before Thanksgiving. Hewitt reported the Hwy 280 project is progressing; however, there has been some delays in receiving materials.
- ❖ Chad Young reported the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the access control project that increases security to the Front Office is complete.
- ❖ Becky Fitzgibbons reported FEMA has provided GEMA our 25%/\$800,000 reimbursement money. The GEMA representative is working on but is waiting until our final inspection report is complete before the funds are released. Fitzgibbons also reported the Front Office remodel project will begin on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> with hopes of being completed by December 10<sup>th</sup>. She reported the lobby will be completely closed with two (2) CSRs sitting in the foyer to assist customers coming to the front door, four (4) CSRs in the training room to answer phone calls, 1 kiosk in the foyer, and the drive-thru will remain open.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported the security fence is completely installed and there is progress on the Ash removal. They anticipate having the construction trailer on site very soon. He reported crews are 75% complete with the next to the last gate on the spillway and they are waiting on work on #2.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported the Hwy 280 project is half way into the 300 days. He reported new line has been built from the Dodge dealership on Hwy 280 to Gum Creek. Crews are working on a fiber installation from District Line Road to the Southwest Substation. ROW contractors have had staffing issues but should return around October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported the auditing group’s visit is delayed due to the owner’s family health issues. He reported spraying crews has been cancelled due to the weeds being under control and the cooler weather.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported the work plan is 75% complete and they are working on other proposed projects such as upgrades to regulators, converting single phase to primary, circuit upgrade.
- ❖ Grant Buckley gave a brief report on the unemployment rate and stated the world’s weakening economy is beginning to turn around.

### **Other Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

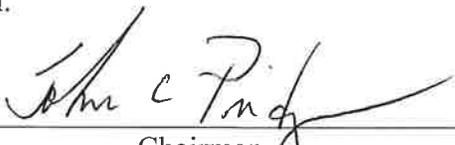
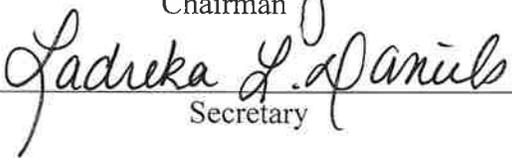
Chairman Pridgen announced a need for an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel. A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by Ray Hughes to go into Executive Session.

Before Item Two discussed, Doug Dean, Becky Fitzgibbons, and Ronnie Miller were dismissed.

No actions were taken. A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and the Commission reconvened into regular session.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

  
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Chairman  
  
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Secretary

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021

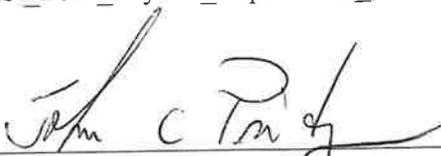
GEORGIA, CRISP COUNTY

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.

- 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.
- 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 28th day of September, 2021

  
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Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia  
Sworn to and described before me this  
28th day of September, 2021

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 11/7/2024

