# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. December 21, 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

Rusty Slade Ray Hughes Alissa Wilkerson Sam Farrow James Dowdy Larry Felton

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager

Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney

Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager

Chris Hewitt, Manager of Tech Services

Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer

Blake Manning, Operations Manager Gary Youngblood, ECG Member

Media Present:

WSST – Rick Smarr

Absent:

None

### Called To Order

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

## **November Minutes**

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular November meeting.

## **Budget Work Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session.

### Review of November 2021 Financial Statement

Operating Expenses	\$4,059,810.89
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$(686,032.92)
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$140,013.05
Total Funds On Hand	\$9,400,653.45

Manager Ivey reported energy sales for the residential and industrial classes were greater than November last year while the commercial class was less. HCDD for the month (355 days) were 53.7% greater than last year (231 days) and 28.4% above the long-term average. Energy production was 20.5% greater than last year. Energy sales for the month were 8.1% greater than last year and revenue from sales were 11.5% greater than last year.

Ivey reported Energy sales were 3.3% above the budgeted amount. YTD total sales ran 1.3% below budget. YTD Large Industrial was 7.1% above budget while non-Large Industrial was 4.4% below budget. Hydro-electric production for the month was 10.1% below the long-term average and about 28.2% below last year. SEPA was 12.1% above budget.

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the November Financial Statements.

### Transfer of Bad and Doubtful Debt List for 2020

Manager Ivey reported the bad and doubtful debts for 2020 that need to be written off the books for audit reasons were \$58,674.25. He stated we are required to move these debts off our anticipated income at the end of 2020. Efforts will continue on collection of these accounts through various methods.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Ray Hughes, and carried to approve the transfer of the Bad and Doubtful accounts.

## Consideration of Juneteenth Holiday

Manager Ivey reported Juneteenth is new federal holiday that was adopted in early June 2021. He reported the County approved of this holiday which will begin to be observed the year 2022. Ivey recommends we adopt this holiday as part of our observed holidays beginning in 2022.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to adopt and observe Juneteenth as an approved holiday beginning in 2022.

## **Residential Deposits**

Manager Ivey reported we currently charge \$100 deposits for residential accounts and two times the average bill for commercial accounts based off the history of that specific address or similar address. He reported staff is recommending a change in residential deposit amounts. Ivey reported since we bill and expect payment after the customer has used well over a month's worth of energy, the \$100 deposit is not enough to cover the final account balances which leaves CCPC behind on trying to collect on the bad depts (referencing the

Bad and Doubtful Debt List). He reported staff recommends changing the deposit to two times the average bill which is currently how we charge for commercial accounts.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes to increase the residential deposits to two times the average bill with \$100 minimum deposit required. Motion died for lack of second. It was suggested that we table this issue for further research and discussion. Chairman Pridgen tabled the recommended change to residential deposits for further research and discussion.

## **Proposed Budget 2022**

Manager Ivey stated there had been no significant changes to the 2022 budget from the proposal that was presented at the Budget Work Session except the updated projections using November data and Staff recommendation was to adopt the Budget which had been discussed. His recommendation was to increase rates uniformly by 3%; however, for the Residential Class, the increase would occur primarily in the winter months.

A motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to approve the 2022 Budget including approval of the items discussed during the Budget Work Session including:

- The Capital Investment Budget for 2022 as presented
- A 3% increase in General Rates

# **Current Projects**

- Chris Hewitt reported the Hwy 280 project is still underway and they hope to complete in February. He reported there still some attachments left on the poles. He also reported the North to South Valhalla underground remediation project is still in progress. He gave a brief explanation on proceedings of the new substation that is to be built on Pateville Road.
- Rick Vaughn mentioned the options and new routes for the new substation.
- Blake Manning reported crews are working on daily work and the Hwy 280 project.
- Troy Gilliam reported he has had positive responses regarding the dilapidated structure letters that were mailed out.
- Michael Ivey briefly discussed the trunnion pin repair or replacement options.
- Gary Youngblood, ECG Representative, reported the ECG Annual Meeting went well and they had good participation. He reported ECG purchased some land to build another training facility in Newnan, GA. He also reported ECG has entered into a partnership with Georgia Gas Authority with ECG having greater ownership authority.

## Other Business

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

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation.

### **Executive Session**

After some discussion of Item Two, Michael Ivey and Ladreka Daniels were dismissed and returned approximately twenty (2) minutes later.

No actions were taken.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, a motion was made by Ray Hughes, seconded by Larry Felton and the Commission reconvened in regular session.

The Chairman called the meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission back into regular order.

#### Other Business

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to increase minimum and maximum wage ranges and all current employees' wages by \$1.50 effective 01/03/2022.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to grant the General Manager a 9.68% wage increase effective 01/03/2022.

## 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

25th

day of

2022

## 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 \_21st \_day of \_December\_, 2021

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia

Sworn to and described before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 110)

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