

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION  
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.  
January 25, 2022

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:

Ray Hughes  
Alissa Wilkerson  
John Pridgen  
James Dowdy  
Mark Crenshaw  
Sam Farrow

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager  
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary  
Rick Lawson, Attorney  
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager  
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager  
Chad Young, IT Director  
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer  
Blake Manning, Operations Manager  
Matthew Chancey, MEAG  
Gary Youngblood, ECG

Absent:

James Nance  
Rusty Slade

Media Present:

WSST – John Sinyard

**Call to Order**

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

**Oath of Office**

Chairman Pridgen turned the meeting over to the Attorney, Rick Lawson, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Mark Crenshaw, James R. Dowdy, Sam Farrow, Jr., Warren Ray Hughes, John Pridgen, and Alissa Wright Wilkerson. Signed Oaths are attached to and become a part of these minutes.

### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the General Manager to preside over the election of Chairman.

**Chairman** – John Pridgen made a motion to nominate Ray Hughes for Chairman, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson. Mr. Hughes was elected unanimously. Manager Ivey turned the meeting over to Chairman Hughes, who then called for the election of Vice-Chairman.

**Vice-Chairman** – John Pridgen made the motion to nominate Alissa Wilkerson for Vice-Chairman, seconded by James Dowdy. There was a unanimous vote to elect Alissa Wilkerson as Vice-Chairman.

**Secretary** - A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to elect Ladreka Daniels as Secretary of the Commission.

### **Appointments**

**Attorney** - A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to appoint Richard Lawson with Lawson, Reid, & Dean, LLC Attorneys at Law as Attorney for the Commission.

**Agri-Industrial Division Representative** – A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to appoint Rusty Slade to serve on the Agri-Industrial Board.

**Lake Blackshear Appeals Board** – A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to appoint James Dowdy, III, James Nance, Alissa Wright Wilkerson, and Ray Hughes as Alternate to serve on the Lake Blackshear Appeals Board.

**Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Representative** – A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to re-appoint Rusty Slade to serve on the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Board.

**Keep Crisp Beautiful Board** – A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to re-appoint Ronnie Miller to serve on the Keep Crisp Beautiful Board.

**Main Street** – A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to appoint Alissa Wilkerson and Becky Fitzgibbons to both serve on the Main Street Board.

**Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board** - A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to re-appoint Chairman John Pridgen to serve on the Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board.

### **By-Laws**

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by James Dowdy and carried to approve the Commission By-Laws for 2022. A copy of the By-Laws is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

### **Check Signing Resolution**

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by Pridgen to approve the Check-Signing Resolution with all of the Commissioners, General Manager, and Office Manager authorized to sign checks. A copy of the resolution is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

### **MEAG MTC Authorization**

Manager Ivey presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and himself, to execute MEAG Trust and other documents requested of MEAG.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman and General Manager to execute MEAG documents.

### **ECG Authorizations**

Manager Ivey presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and himself, to execute ECG voting requirements and other documents requested of ECG.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman and General Manager to execute ECG documents.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular December 2021 monthly meeting.

### **Review of Financial Statements**

Operating Revenues	\$3,232,198.46
Operating Expenses	\$4,145,422.96
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$(720,291.34)
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$(580,278.29)
Total Funds On Hand	\$8,339,288.99

Manager Ivey reported sales in Residential, Commercial, and Industrial were less than December 2020. Heating Degree Days for December 2021 was 288 (51.4%) below last year with 592 days and 35.7% below the long-term average. Energy production was down 16.3% compared to last year. Sales for December were below budgeted expectations by 12.9%. Year to Date, we are 2.3% below budget projections for sales.

Hydro-electric production for December was 15.4% above the long-term average and approximately 4.3% greater than the same time last year. SEPA was 10% below budgeted expectations and Unit #2 is out of service for maintenance which means we will begin opening flood gates sooner than normal.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the December 2021 Financial Statements.

### **Budget to Actual Review of 2021**

Manager Ivey noted that overall sales were slightly below budget except for industrial and governmental lights. Energy sales were down 2.6% overall for the years. Sales revenues were down in residential, commercial, and irrigation. Overall, sales revenues were down 0.2%. Manager Ivey reported 2021 production energy was 3.5% below budgeted expectations. SEPA energy and CCPC's hydro energy were above budget due to higher river flows and production costs were 2.2% below budget for the year.

### **MEAG Telecom/GPW Sale**

Manager Ivey reported on the proposed sale by GPW of its assets to a private company, Macquarie Newco, LLC. This sale will essentially dissolve the MEAG Telecom project as well since there will be nothing left in the project. Ivey reported CCPC and Crisp County will have to sign an agreement to terminate the MEAG Telecom project and CCPC will have to sign an agreement to sell GPW. He reported we have some use and service agreements with GPW that they want us to assign to the new company. Because the relationship with the new company will be different than our current relationship with GPW and in protecting our interests moving forward, Attorney Lawson has thoroughly looked over the agreements and they are ready Board approval and signatures.

Attorney Lawson presented the resolution authorizing the execution, delivery, and performance of the Fourth Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract with MEAG and the Fourth Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract between MEAG and CCPC.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Sam Farrow, and unanimously carried to execute the resolution and the Fourth Amendment Contract.

Attorney Lawson presented the Written Consent of the Members of Georgia Public Web (GPW), Inc.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to execute the Written Consent of the Members of Georgia Public Web, Inc.

Attorney Lawson presented the Consent to Assignment of Contracts.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to execute the Consent to Assignment of Contracts.

### **Report on MEAG January 2022 BOD Meeting**

Manager Ivey reported the Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) and Asset Liability Committee (ALCO) both met on January 19<sup>th</sup> and the MEAG Board meeting was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the wholesale, project, and category fixed and variable costs. Natural gas prices were above budget but dropped significantly closer to budget because cold weather did not materialize. He reported future prices for 2022 have also dropped significantly for winter. Spot market prices followed the NG market in the southeast and has dropped closer to budget as well. Manager Ivey also reported the nuclear units continue to perform well and utilization was 3.9% above budget. Hatch #1 had a recent minor feeder breaker problem which has since been fixed and it is ramping down towards a February re-fuel. Hatch #2 had a scheduled maintenance outage. Coal utilization was near budget with very little dispatch. NG utilization was 75.2% above budget. SEPA was also 24.2% above budget. Ivey reported on January 14<sup>th</sup>, SEPA filed to provide Renewable Energy Credits to Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina projects in which the credits can be used or sold in the REC market by SEPA customers. Off-system purchases were below budget. Ivey reported energy consumption was 6.1% greater than last year. YTD energy consumption was 1.0% below budget.

Manager Ivey reported on the MEAG transmission system reliability. The Board received reports from its Risk Management/Audit and Personnel Committees along with a report on SEEM activity. He presented the Board with a brief slide presentation of the Vogtle project updates. Ivey reported Covid cases continue to increase. Ivey also reported on some of the Corporate, Federal, and State events that are happening during this time.

### **Report on Current Projects**

- Chris Hewitt reported crews continue to work on the Hwy 280 project with only a few poles left to set. Crews are also working on the underground remediation project at N Valhalla. Hewitt reported year-end inventory went well with no major issues. He reported the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of remodeling is complete and they're now into the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- Matthew Chancey with MEAG reported Vogtle tours will be opening up to participants in the very near future.
- Ronnie Miller reported for Becky Fitzgibbons that the annual inventory went well with \$3,150 being adjusted. He reported we hoped to reopen the lobby on 01/31/2022 but there were some minor security issues that had to be addressed.

She is continuing to work on the deposit information that was requested by Rusty Slade.

- Ronnie Miller reported the cost to demo the old steam plant is around \$1 million; however, he mentioned the prospect and hopes of having a company that will come in and remove all items from the old steam plant that is bonded and licensed to handle this type of project including hazardous materials to help keep costs down.
- Rick Vaughn reported they are working on switching schemes tied to the SCADA room to see if they operate from the office properly.
- Chad Young reported they will be doing some fiber splicing tonight that will give us more usable fiber.
- Blake Manning reported they continue to work on they Hwy 280 project, daily work, Circuit 2150, and ROW.
- Gary Youngblood gave a brief report on ECG activities and informed the Board of the Economic Development Summit that will take place in April.

**Other Business**

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

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate.

**Executive Session**

No action taken.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chairman called the meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission back into regular order.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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



Chairman



Secretary

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 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 25th day of January, 2022

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia  
Sworn to and described before me this  
25th day of January, 2022.

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 11/07/2024

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