

**CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA**

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2:00 P.M.
May 24, 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:

Alissa Wilkerson, Vice-Chairwoman
John Pridgen
Rusty Slade
James Dowdy
Mark Crenshaw
James Nance

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Thomas Barnes, Attorney Summer Associate
Sam Farrow, Commissioner
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Chad Young, IT Director
Blake Manning, Operations Manager
Ronnie Miller, Plant Manager
Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Grant Buckley, IDC Director
Clark Harrell, County Administrator

Absent:

Ray Hughes

Media Present:

Dee Sinha, WSST-TV

Call To Order

Vice-Chairwoman Wilkerson announced she will preside over the meeting in the absence of Chairman Hughes. She called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Minutes

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular April meeting.

Chairwoman Wilkerson turned the meeting over to Attorney, Rick Lawson, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner James Nance. Signed Oath is attached to and become a part of these minutes.

Review of April 2022 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,310,963.80
Operating Expenses	\$4,131,372.62
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$258,739.67
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$1,161,442.49
Total Funds On Hand	\$8,795,112.05

Manager Ivey reported sales for April were less than the same month last year in all Customer Classes. Total energy sales for the month were down 3.2% compared to the same time last year and revenue was up 5.9%. April 2022 had 141 HCDDs and 140 HCDDs last year which was 0.7% greater than last year and 18.3% below the 5-year average. Energy production was down 1.2% compared to last year.

Manager Ivey reported hydroelectric production was 17.0% less than the long-term average and 16.7% less than the same month last year. SEPA generation was 19.6% above budget. Ivey reported again that Unit #2 is still out of service for maintenance which means we will begin opening flood gates sooner and spill water rather than generate electricity.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy and unanimously carried to approve the April Financial Statements.

Health Insurance Plan Recommendation

Manager Ivey reported the open enrollment period for the Local Governmental Health Plan will be June 1 to June 30, 2022 for any employee wishing to make changes to their enrollment that will become effective with the beginning of the new plan year on July 1, 2022. The Plan received notice of premium levels from United Healthcare for the 2022/2023 plan year which included a 22.9% increase across the board increase. The Plan decided to change from United Healthcare to ACCG/Blue Cross Blue Shield which provides a 7% increase to premium levels for all tiers but better deductibles and drug coverages overall. It was recommended that the cost increase be passed along to employers and employees using the current cost sharing methodology.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by John Pridgen and unanimously carried to approve the change in insurance carrier and premiums in the recommended manner for the local government health plan.

Report on MEAG May 2022 BOD Meeting

Manager Ivey reported the MEAG Board meeting was held on May 19, 2022. Fixed and variable costs were over budget by 0.07 cents per kWh for the month and 0.29 cents per kWh under budget YTD. Variable costs by project were over budget by \$10.2M. Fixed costs by project were under budget by \$12.5M. R&R was under budget \$0.9M mainly due to timing difference between R&R budgeting and billing. 2022 NG prices were well above

budget and expected to remain elevated for the remainder of the year. For the MEAG NG units, the hedging program covers 65% of the generation use and hedged at \$2.61/MMBTU. This yields a blended price of \$4.24/MMBTU for the remainder of the year and is much cheaper than the full \$7.50/MMBTU market exposure. The monthly spot market was above budget and is expected to remain at or above for the year due to higher NG prices and coal supply constraints. Manager Ivey reported the nuclear unit utilization was 5.8% below budget for the month. Hatch #1 returned from refueling on March 3rd. Vogtle #2 returned from refueling but was de-rated for 9 days for some fan repairs. Coal utilization was 12.7% below budget for the month due to coal delivery and summer conservation issues.

Ivey reported the CC unit was taken off-line in March to replace the digital control system. It is expected to be back to 1-on-1 operating soon with full output in early May. SEPA was above budget for the month and expected to stay above budget for a few months. Off-system purchases were \$24M above budget to support sales and for the CC outage. Coal constraints and significant unit outages have increased supplemental activity. Peak loads prices cleared a simple cycle NG heat rate of \$100/MWh and off-peak load prices cleared at combined cycle NG heat rate of \$60/MWh. Manager Ivey reported we had relatively low carbon emissions and MEAG was 61% non-emitting for the month and 67% non-emitting for the last 12 months. Energy consumption increased 14.3% over 2021 due to new load, particularly data mining. The coal units are running above the industry average availability. The Combined Cycle availability has dropped recently due to several factors. MEAG replaced the obsolete digital control systems (DCS) with a cost of \$4M with a total of \$14.5M spent overall during the outage. There was a 24,000-hour hot gas path inspection and repaired 2 steam turbine bearings. It was due to return on April 10th but there were weather delays, CT repairs, and control system implementation delays.

Manager Ivey reported on the corporate affairs that are happening around our local areas and on federal and state levels. He the dates for the CEO Roundtable meetings, the APPA National Conference, GMA Annual Convention, and the MEAG Power 2022 Annual Meeting. Ivey presented the Board with a report and slide presentation on the progress of Vogtle Units 3 & 4.

Current Projects

- ❖ Manager Ivey reported at a recent meeting, the Commission was asked to consider a COLA for retirees. Becky Fitzgibbons reported there are two options for incorporating a COLA into our retirement plan: 1. ‘Hard wire’ into our plan document to automatically apply annually and 2. ‘Ad-hoc’ to apply periodically based on economic conditions. She reported less than 5 plan sponsors out of 106 offer any COLA and of those, only 1 or 2 ‘hard wire’ it into their plan. If adopted, ACCG strongly recommends not using the ‘hard wire’ approach and if adopted, a COLA would increase CCPC’s liability. Becky reported staff recommendation is not to adopt a COLA at this time. There was no action taken by the Board. Becky Fitzgibbons also reported that we had an unmodified audit and she hopes to have the auditors back for the final presentation at our June’s meeting.
- ❖ Clark Harrell reported they are working on their budget and will vote on their insurance rates at their June 2022 meeting.
- ❖ Grant Buckley gave a brief report on the unemployment rate and he mentioned the transfer of the 2 acres of land are in the attorney’s hand.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported we have underwater divers on site to clean the pressure release drains.

- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported the system inspection is being completed with some of our personnel and contractors. He reported Osmose is also around the city and county and will be here for 6-8 weeks inspecting roughly 2,700 poles. They hope to get the pole rejects close to 1% which will be a decrease from our previous 10 to 15% pole rejects in past. Chris reported surveyor is on site at the new substation site on Pateville Road.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported the work plan draft is in the process of being reviewed.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are working on Osmose pole change outs. Crews are working to complete underground remediation project. He reported on the lights at the Recreation Department. Right of Way crews are continuing in their daily work in the Arabi area. Blake gave a brief summary of the Lineman's Rodeo event that took place on Saturday, May 7th. He reported we had 19 apprentices with 1 placing 2nd place and 1 place 4th place by 2 points. He reported there were 45 CCPC employees and family members in attendance and he expressed his gratitude for the practices and hard work demonstrated by the lineman.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported Aqua Services will be in Lake areas next week spraying for Lyngbya. Troy reported the 1st stage of the electronic tracking system audit will begin in the very near future. He also reported we have had some positive responses regarding dilapidate structures and docks. He reported many home/landowners will work on these during the bi-annual drawdown from November 1st – December 15th.

Other Business

None

Meeting Adjourned

Vice-Chairwoman Wilkerson announced that there was no further business to come before the Commission and declared the meeting adjourned.



Chairman



Secretary

Approved this 28th day of July 2022