# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. October 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, Chairman

Alissa Wilkerson, Vice Chairman

Sam Farrow James Dowdy John Pridgen Rusty Slade Larry Felton

Others Present:

Michael Ivey, General Manager Ladreka Daniels, Secretary

Rick Lawson, Attorney

Clark Harrell, County Administrator Mark Crenshaw, County Commissioner Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager

Chad Young, IT Director

Blake Manning, Operations Manager Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer

Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Ronnie Miller, Production Manager Gary Youngblood, ECG Representative

Video Conference

Mark Beauchamp, Utility Financial Solutions

Absent:

None

Media:

Dee Sinha

#### Call to Order

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

## September 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular September meeting.

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#### **Cost of Service Review**

Manger Ivey introduced Mark Beauchamp, President of Utility Financial Solutions. Mark presented the Cost of Service (COS) findings and results. Mark suggested that CCPC develop bandwidth rates (rate adjustment plan) with an increase that will vary between 2.5% - 6.5%, an overall rate increase with a planned 4.5% increase for the next five years, and to consider power cost adjustments. The Board decided they will discuss this further at the Budget Work Session that will be held in December.

# Review of September 2022 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$4,513,857.54
Operating Expenses	\$5,123,279.22
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$486,199.91
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$1,557,167.43
Total Funds On-Hand	\$6,652,102.80

Manager Ivey reported energy sales for the month in the residential, commercial, and industrial classes were down compared to the same month last year. Energy sales for the month were down 2.4% compared to last year and revenue was up 7.0%. HCDDs for the month were 1.9% below last year and 14.8% below the long-term average. Energy production was down 1.3% compared to last year. MWh sales for the month were 4.0% below budget. YTD total sales are running 0.2% above budget.

Hydro-electric production during the month was 6.9% below the long-term average and 45.1% less compared to last year. SEPA generation was 1.7% below budget. Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the September 2022 Financial Statements.

#### Pole/transformer yard Gravel

Manager Ivey reported after we finished the maintenance work, cleared out weeds, and graded the area at the Operations building where we store poles and padmount transformers, we noticed there were slope, mud, and oil containment concerns. He reported we need to add gravel to keep the mud down and to be able to provide the slope to help contain any transformer oil spills. The amount request to rectify these issues and purchase gravel is \$28K which is over the General Manager's capital limit.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of gravel in the amount of \$28K.

#### Payment Arrangement Summary

Becky Fitzgibbons gave a brief summary of CCPC's payment arrangement policy and history. She also presented the Board with a poll of how other utilities handle their

payment arrangements. She requested that whatever the Board decides that it will be simple because our automated system can handle basic rules.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approved of three (3) payment arrangements/extensions per year effective 01/01/2023.

## **Budget Work Session Date**

Manager Ivey reported that staff has begun working on the 2023 Budget. He recommends that the Commission use the same process as in the past and hold a Budget Work Session to discuss the 2023 Budget in detail and then approve the Final Budget at the Regular December Commission Meeting. Ivey requested the Board to recommend and set the dates for the meetings. The Board approved the following:

Budget Work Session – Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

## **December Board Meeting Date**

Regular December Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

# Report on MEAG September 2022 BOD Meeting

Manager Ivey gave a brief report on the MEAG Board meeting that was held on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. He reported the market prices remain high but have dropped slightly. He reported the Southeast Energy Exchange Market (SEEM) will go live on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Ivey reported Vogtle #3 fuel load was completed on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the Vogtle schedule remains the same. Manager Ivey reported we received a nice settlement with GPC over the tender lawsuit. He also reported the Mayor's summit will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Chateau Elan.

## **Current Projects**

- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are working on Osmose pole changes, daily work, and continuing to clear our dead trees.
- Chris Hewitt gave a report on our system in-house and McLean inspection summary which address all system issues in every station, circuit, customers' meter, underground, padmount issues, pole issues, etc. Hewitt hopes to conduct these inspections every five years. Chris reported he and Chad Young are completing the analytical program where all of our systems are on a dashboard and we can simplify and summarize our efforts.
- Troy Gilliam reported the Lake drawdown will begin on Tuesday, November 1st. He reported the auditing group will be on site on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He placed 20+ buoys. Gilliam reported he has over 20+ seawall and dock permits that are waiting on the bi-annual drawdown.
- ❖ Gary Youngblood reported Foreman Supervisor's Meeting has been changed to March 8<sup>th</sup>-March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- \* Rick Vaughn gave the monthly outage report that shown we had 60 outages for the month of September.

- ❖ Becky Fitzgibbons reported we are beginning to re-cycle. She reported instead of billing once per week, we will begin to bill every three days. This will allow a more balanced work flow and customer traffic. She reported this will extend the bill mailing from 18 to 20 days and the due date should be around the same date. Fitzgibbons also reported that we celebrated Public Power Week two weeks ago and we had a week of refreshments and daily prize giveaways with a Friday, Grand Prize Winner, Mrs. Betty McKenzie.
- Ronnie Miller reported the delivery company for #2 will be here the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> and other parts will come in the end of November. He reported the gas turbine will be delivered the mid-November and the slab is being poured now. He reported crews at the Plant are working on the step-up transformer.
- ❖ Ladreka Daniels reported our Annual Health Fair will be held this Thursday and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Building from 6:30 a.m. − 10:00 a.m.

#### Other Business

None.

#### Meeting Adjourned

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

Chairman

Approved this  $22^{nd}$  day of November 2022