# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. December 20, 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

Rusty Slade John Pridgen James Dowdy Sam Farrow Larry Felton

Others Present:

Becky Fitzgibbons, Interim General Manager

Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney

Blake Manning, Operations Manager

Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager

Chad Young, IT Director

Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager

Ronnie Miller, Plant Manager Gary Youngblood, ECG Member Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Media Present:

WSST - Dee Sinha

Absent:

None

#### Called To Order

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

# November Minutes and Budget Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular November meeting and the December Budget Work Session.

## Review of November 2022 Financial Statement

Operating Revenues \$3,506,947.88
Operating Expenses \$4,594,179.40
Net Revenues (After Adjustments) \$522,456.57

Year to Date Net Revenues Total Funds On Hand \$3,968,582.58 \$9,767,110.46

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported the information reported is provisional data due to not receiving the MEAG November bill before our early monthly meeting date. She reported energy sales for November were slightly higher overall than November of last year due primarily to an increase in industrial sales as sales in other categories fell due to mild weather. Revenue from sales was higher than the same month last year by 4.8%.

Fitzgibbons reported sales were above the budgeted amount for the month in the Large Industrial Class but were slightly lower for all other customer classes. Total KWh sales is now 0.3% above the YTD budgeted amount. River flows fluctuated throughout the month of November but December thus far has been above average. Hydroelectric production was 18% less than the long-term average and 12% less than the same time last year. Unit #2 is currently still out of service for maintenance.

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

#### Transfer of Bad and Doubtful Debt List for 2021

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported the bad and doubtful debts for 2021 that need to be written off the books for audit reasons were \$63,195.24 which amounts to approximately 0.15% of revenue. She stated we are required to move these debts off our anticipated income at the end of 2021. Efforts will continue on collection of these accounts through various methods.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and carried to approve the transfer of the Bad and Doubtful accounts.

#### First Amendment to the Solar Purchase Power Contract

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported as a result of some significant price increases that have occurred in the last few months impacting the solar industries, MEAG has agreed to a conditional amendment to the purchase power agreement with Pineview Solar, LLC. This increases the price of the power from \$25.91 per MWh to \$29.06 per MWh and reduces the term from 20 years to 15 years. MEAG and ECG had a conversation with Walmart who indicated they were ok with the changes as our solar price is still on the low-end of solar projects across the U.S.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the Solar Purchase Power Contract.

#### Standard Field Lighting Project

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported in mid-October, we provided an estimate to the City of Cordele for work required to restore the lights at Standard Field to working condition. The breakdown of the estimate is \$6,074.23 for Labor & Equipment and \$4,696.94 for

Materials. The City Commission is requesting CCPC to donate the Labor & Equipment costs.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to donate labor and equipment costs to the City of Cordele to restore the lights at Standard Field to working conditions.

### Report on ECG Election

The Electric Cities of Georgia held its board election at their annual meeting earlier this month. Fitzgibbons reported Rod Prince from the City of Cairo, Derek Hampton from the City of Cartersville, and Huston Gillis from the City of Lawrenceville were elected.

## **Proposed Budget 2023**

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons stated there had been no significant changes to the 2023 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. Her recommendation was to increase rates uniformly by 9%.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Budget including approval of the items discussed during the Budget Work Session including:

- The Capital Investment Budget for 2023 as presented with one modification:
  - o 2- SW Sub 46 KV Breaker for the price of \$175,000
- A 9% increase in General Rates

# **Current Projects**

- Gary Youngblood reported the ECG's Annual Meeting was well attended with good speakers and good topics of discussion. He mentioned the Foreman's Supervisor's meeting will be March 8-10, 2023.
- Blake Manning reported on the Osmose pole change outs. Crews are working on daily work and the Hwy 33 Project. In-house ROW crews are continually working to remove limbs off the lines. He reported ROW contractors are gone.
- Rick Vaughn reported there were 48 outages that affected 2,194 customers.
- Troy Gilliam reported seawalls are being erected and the lake waters are gradually coming up daily.
- Chris Hewitt reported the grading is 80% completed at substation on Pateville Road. He reported it should be completed by end of year or 1<sup>st</sup> of next year and ready for structures. Chris reported crews have checked to make sure the substation heaters are working due to the upcoming cold temperatures.
- Ronnie Miller reported the progress of the gas turbine, ash removal, and Unit #2 are all moving along well.

Becky Fitzgibbons gave a summary of what she included in the Staff Meeting after becoming the Interim General Manager to include action items, general spending, labor, vehicle accessory spending and vehicle take home policy.

A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to change the After-Hours Vehicle Policy to allow the Technical Services Manager and Electrical Technician Supervisor to take their CCPC vehicle home after hours.

#### **Other Business**

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported a need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

#### **Executive Session**

No actions were taken.

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

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Approved this

24th day of January

2023

### 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 \_20<sup>th</sup> \_day of \_December\_, 2022

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia

Sworn to and described before me this \_20<sup>th</sup> \_day of \_December\_, 2022.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_11/07/2024\_.

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