

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.
January 24, 2023

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
Sam Farrow
John Pridgen
James Dowdy
James Nance
Rusty Slade
Alissa Wilkerson
Mark Crenshaw
Larry Felton

Others Present:

Becky Fitzgibbons, Interim General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Chad Young, IT Director
Ronnie Miller, Plant Manager
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager
Stan Jones, Lake Blackshear Resident
Blake Manning, Operations Manager
Clark Harrell, County Administrator
Gary Youngblood, ECG Representative

Absent:

None

Media Present:

WSST – Dee Sinha

Call to Order

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

Oath of Office

Chairman Hughes 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., Larry Felton, Warren Ray Hughes, James Nance, John Pridgen, Russel L.

Slade, 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 Interim 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. Interim General Manager Fitzgibbons 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 Sam Farrow. There was a unanimous vote to elect Alissa Wilkerson as Vice-Chairman.

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

Appointments

Attorney - A motion was made by James Nance, seconded by Rusty Slade and unanimously carried to appoint Richard Lawson with Lawson, Reid, & Dean, LLC Attorneys at Law as Attorney for the Commission.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Rusty Slade and unanimously carried to re-appoint all the previous board members to serve on the following boards:

Agri-Industrial Division Representative – Rusty Slade was re-appointed to serve on the Agri-Industrial Board.

Lake Blackshear Appeals Board – James Dowdy, III, James Nance, Alissa Wright Wilkerson, and Ray Hughes as Alternate were all re-appointed to serve on the Lake Blackshear Appeals Board.

Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Representative – Rusty Slade was re-appointed to serve on the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Board.

Keep Crisp Beautiful Board – Ronnie Miller was re-appointed to serve on the Keep Crisp Beautiful Board.

Main Street – Alissa Wilkerson and Becky Fitzgibbons were both re-appointed to serve on the Main Street Board.

Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board - John Pridgen was re-appointed to serve on the Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board.

By-Laws

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by John Pridgen and carried to approve the Commission By-Laws for 2023. A copy of the By-Laws is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

Check Signing Resolution

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

Rules and Regulations

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Sam Farrow to approve the Rules and Regulations adding the recommended verbiage to Page 1, Section A, paragraph 1 (highlighted in yellow):

Each person or corporation desiring to become a customer for electric service by the Commission shall agree to and abide the Crisp County Power Commission's rules and regulations and must present to the Commission a valid legal document giving rights to the customer to connect service at the desired location such as a rent receipt or lease agreement signed by the property owner or manager, deed, etc. and a valid photo id. When electrical service is provided by the Commission, it constitutes a contract. Such contract continues until terminated by either of the parties.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

MEAG MTC Authorization

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and herself, to execute MEAG Trust and other documents requested of MEAG.

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

ECG Authorizations

Interim General Manager Fitzgibbons presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman and herself, to execute ECG voting requirements and other documents requested of ECG.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by James Nance, seconded by Rusty Slade, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular December 2022 monthly meeting.

Customer Stan Jones Discussion

Mr. Stan Jones appeared before the Board to discuss shore erosion at Lake Blackshear. He specifically expressed concerns regarding the approximate 10 feet waves that comes into his and neighboring yards caused by oversized boats. He specifically would like to limit the size of board allowed on the lake and allow homeowners to pay for “Wake Zone” buoys to be placed in front of their homes by our Resource Manager, Troy Gilliam; however, that raised an issue as to whom would regulate and enforce that action. Mr. Jones reported he as spoken with DNR and other agencies to include State Representatives and he still doesn’t have a solution at the moment. He would like for us to see what we can do to help? The Board agreed that we will look into this and get back with him.

Review of Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,634,798.15
Operating Expenses	\$6,188,063.69
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$(746,040.82)
Year to Date Net Revenues	3,015,446.09
Total Funds On Hand	\$6,543,175.34

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported energy sales were higher overall than December of last year due primarily to an increase in industrial sales. For the current month, sales in Commercial and Industrial were greater except in the Residential class. Revenue from sales were higher than the same month last year by 12.5%. Sales were above the budgeted amount for the month in the Large Industrial Class but were lower for all other customer classes. Total KWh sales is now 0.2% below the YTD Budget.

December 2022 was close to average with 469-degree days for the month compared to the average of 448-degree days. There were some extreme temperatures both hot and cold recorded during the month with a record high of 80°F on December 8th and a record low of 21°F on December 23rd. Fitzgibbons reported on December 24th we were notified by MEAG that the transmission system in Georgia was under a level 2 (critical) alert due to the sever cold. The alert was lowered to a level 1 (alarm) by mid-afternoon. The severe cold resulted in a spike in purchase power prices with the highest price of \$6.12 per kWh occurring on December 24th between 1pm – 2pm.

River flows in the Flint for December were mostly above average. Hydroelectric production was 11% less than the long-term average and 16% less than the production of the same month last year. Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance.

Fitzgibbons reported our cash available for operations as of December 31st was \$6.5 million which is a decrease of \$3.2 million during the month. This reflects \$1.2 million paid on the gas turbine and \$300k paid on the repair of hydro Unit #2. She reported the available cash is slightly lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million - \$9.5 million. Fitzgibbons recommend a \$2 million transfer from MCT to our General Fund by Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Nance, and unanimously carried to authorize a \$2 million transfer from MCT to our General Fund.

A motion was made by James Nance, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the December 2022 Financial Statements.

January 12th Storm

Fitzgibbons reported severe storms came through our area the evening of January 12th which resulted in approximately 5,000 customer outages, several broken poles, and downed power lines. She reported by 6am on January 13th we still approximately 380 customer outages and by 7pm on January 14th the system was back to normal. She commended the crews for working the long hours to get the power restored to all our customers. Fitzgibbons reported there is FEMA & GEMA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th regarding that storm event.

Southern Drag Boat Association

Fitzgibbons reported Chamber representative, Monica Simmons, reached out to her to see if we would be interested in hosting a drag boat race on Lake Blackshear this Fall for one or two days. The race will be held at the State Park in front of the beach area. There may be approximately 70 racing teams and if approved, the association will need to apply for a permit through DNR, have safety and emergency personnel on site, CCPC will issue a special use permit with safety specifications included such as distance from shoreline, safety requirements, dates, times, etc.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to table this discussion until we received further information.

Nextera Lighting Project Review

Fitzgibbons reported this project was originally presented back in September 2022 to replace all existing outdoor fixtures with LED. She reported she and Attorney Rick Lawson have reviewed the Nextera contract. She reported CCPC have changed out 29% of the light fixtures over 7-year period and suggests we can continue with our own change

outs. She presented notes on ownership of the new system, maintenance, repairs, new installs, up-front costs, and what will/could happen at the end of the 15-year contract. Fitzgibbons also presented a capital cost estimate and cost summary showing the net annual cost to CCPC to be \$204,906. She reported to terminate the contract it will require board approval, a 90-day written notice, and for CCPC to pay early termination fees which at this time there should not be any.

A motion was made Rusty Slade, seconded by James Nance, and unanimously carried to terminate the Nextera Lighting Contract.

General Manager's Search Update

Fitzgibbons reported she and the search committee consisting of Chairman, John Pridgen, James Nance, and Alissa Wilkerson met on January 6th. They finalized the job description, decided on the advertising sources, and advertising dates (in-house and externally). It was agreed upon by the Board that once the committee approves the top three (3) applicants then those applicants will be presented to the Board for approval of the next General Manager.

Report on Current Projects

- Ronnie Miller reported the parts for Unit #2 should be shipping later today or tomorrow and once received it should take around 8 to 10 weeks to repair. He reported the gas turbine should be ready by summer. He also reported the removal of the ash is in progress again and it too should be completed in the summer.
- Rick Vaughn reported there were 52 outages that affected 2,547 customers. He presented his monthly outage report summaries and he also reported they are working on substation programming.
- Blake Manning reported crews are continuing to work on Osmose pole change outs and daily work. He also reported they had been working on the clean-up after the storm all week and wanted to commend his crews for the long hours they put in to get our customers' power back on. He reported we had one crew consisting of Dallas Waldrip, Justin Bassett, Donald Keith Morris, and Zachary Musselwhite that provide mutual aid in Griffin, GA after the tornado damaged that area about two weeks ago.
- Troy Gilliam reported the drawdown is complete and over with until next time and he mentioned he hopes the weed crews will be coming early March and April.
- Chris Hewitt reported after all the rainy weather we've had, there was some standing water issues at the Pateville Sub site that had to be addressed. He reported we are about 2-3 days away from the final grading process. He reported I75 Sub will be switched out in a couple of weeks and the Circuit 2120 and 2150 will be swapped out along with switches and then Cordele Sub.
- Gary Youngblood gave a brief report on ECG activities and informed the Board that ECG was well pleased with the mutual aid we provided the City of Griffin.

- Becky Fitzgibbons reported there was no January MEAG meeting. She mentioned there were the Vogtle project experienced as set back due to some pipe stabilization issues.

Other Business

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

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

Executive Session

No actions 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 28th day of February 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.

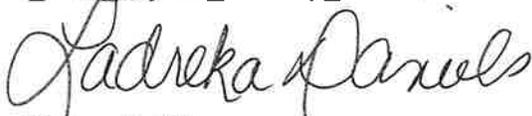
- Attorney/client privileged matters concerning pending or potential litigation.
- Tax matters made confidential by a state law.
- Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
- Discussions concerning the future acquisition of real estate.
- Discussions 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 24th day of January, 2023



Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia
Sworn to and described before me this
24th day of January, 2023.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires 11/07/2024

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