

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.
February 28, 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, Chairman
Alissa Wilkerson
John Pridgen
Rusty Slade
James Dowdy
Mark Crenshaw
Sam Farrow
Larry Felton

Others Present:

Becky Fitzgibbons, Interim General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager
Chad Young, IT Director
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Chris Hewitt, Tech Services Manager
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Clark Harrell, County Administrator
Grant Buckley, IDC Director
Gary Youngblood, ECG Member
Jeremy Ferrell, Nextera
Steve Smith, Nextera
Jerry Balzer, Nextera
Dallas Burkhalter, Nextera
Monica Simmons, Chamber Director
Jay Jackson, Southern Outlaw Drag Boat Association
Todd Skepter, Southern Outlaw Drag Boat Association

Absent:

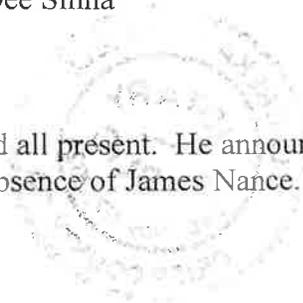
James Nance

Media Present:

SouthGATV-Dee Sinha

Call to Order

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. He announced that Larry Felton will be sitting as a voting member in the absence of James Nance.



Approval of Minutes from January's Meeting

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular January meeting.

Nextera (NES) Presentation

Jeremy L. Ferrell, Project Development Director, addressed the Board to discuss the Board's decision to terminate the fully executed agreement at its January 24, 2023 meeting. He expressed they were surprised to receive the legal letter to pursue early termination. Commissioner Pridgen expressed the concern of some verbiage that wasn't included in the contract and why CCPC decided to terminate the contract. Ferrell stated he would like to clear up any misconceptions regarding the Agreement. He reported the Agreement is favorable to CCPC and will generate a total savings to CCPC of \$1.3MM/year and \$19.5MM over the full 15-year term, including, but not limited to the following:

- Year one gain of \$1.75MM in light rental revenue with not corresponding O&M expenses
- CCPC will continue to maintain system, but maintenance costs will be reduced by new equipment
- NES will reimburse CCPC for system maintenance at \$75/truck roll, removing all O&M expenses + \$425k/year to CCPC
- Completing project allows CCPC to realize all energy savings immediately across entire system + \$425k/year to CCPC
- The agreed upon Annual Payment to NES of \$875k/year is more than offset by reduction in costs and annual savings

Commissioner Felton asked Chris Hewitt if he felt Nextera services will benefit CCPC. Chris Hewitt reported he think it is a benefit because in 7 ½ years CCPC has only completed 29% of the work and the truck roll savings. Commissioner Wilkerson asked are the lights a branded product. It was reported they are not and whatever attachments that are on the pole before installation will remain the property of CCPC and whatever is attached on the pole during installation belongs to Nextera. Wilkerson wanted to know about the tenure customers of Nextera. Jeremy Ferrell will email Attorney Lawson and Fitzgibbons that information.

It was agreed that the contract remains in the terminated status; however, the Board will take a look at the amended changes to the contract submitted by Nextera.

Southern Outlaw Drag Boat Association

Chamber President, Monica Simmons, Jay Jackson, and Todd Skepter, both representatives from the Southern Outlaw Drag Boat Association were present to address the Board regarding a drag boat racing event they are requesting to host at the state park. Mr. Jackson reported this association began around 2007 in Ft. Rucker, Alabama. He reported the event they hope to host in October will consist of 2-stroke motor boats racing on an 800 feet waterway track, running 100 to 125/mph, 100 yards off-shore, and 300 feet for spectators. He reported the lanes are 25/30 feet apart. If approved, the event will begin

around 11 a.m. and end between 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (depends on how many racing teams participate). Mr. Jackson reported they will provide proof of insurance for the event that will not cover things as a slip and fall. Monica Simmons reported DNR is on board for the event to occur as long as CCPC is on board. She reported there will be emergency personnel on site to assist with any emergencies that may occur. The Chamber will have to submit the waterway permit to DNR and DNR will enforce this event. The Board will provide a decision by next month.

Chamber Award

Monica Simmons, President of Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Cordele, presented the Chamber Award to Chairman Ray Hughes on behalf of the Crisp County Power Commission, in “recognition of outstanding leadership and special support for the Cordele -Crisp Chamber of Commerce.

Review of January 2023 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$4,170,235.34
Operating Expenses	\$4,313,650.26
Net Revenue	(\$168,347.27)
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$1,429,400.73
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$1,429,400.73
Total Funds On Hand	\$6,350,719.95

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons, reported energy sales for January were lower overall than January of last year due primarily to a decrease in industrial sales. Compared to last time this year, sales in each Class were greater except the Industrial Class. Norbord usage was 30% less than January 2022. Revenue from sales was higher than the same month last year by 10.1%.

Sales were below budgeted amount for the month in all customer classes. For total KWh sales, the Commission is now 9.7% below the YTD budget. Heating/Cooling Degree Days for the month of January 2023 were 519 compared to the average of 514-degree days.

River flows in the Flint for January were mostly above average. Hydro-electric production for January was 5.4% more than the long-term average and 2.9% less than January 2022. Fitzgibbons reported Unit#2 is still out of service for maintenance.

Available cash for operations as of January 31st was \$6.35 million which is a decrease of \$192k during the month. This includes \$4.92 million paid for purchased power which was for the December period and \$2 million was transferred into the general fund from the MCT. The available cash is slightly lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million ~ \$9.5 million.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Larry Felton and unanimously carried to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements.

Deceased Customer Policy

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported we currently do not have a policy to address accounts held in the name of a deceased person or legal entity. Not having a policy as such leaves no one responsible for the bill. This policy will address those issues. It addresses the steps Crisp County Power Commission will take to contact the person occupying the residence or entity. It will consider the deceased customer's spouse and or Estate.

After Board discussion, a motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson and unanimously carried to table this discussion for a later time.

General Manager Search Update

Interim General Manager Fitzgibbons gave a brief update regarding the General Manager search. She reported the committee has met with all internal applicants. The deadline for external applicants was Friday, February 17th and the committee met on Thursday, February 23rd to review the external applications/resumes that was received. Fitzgibbons reported this will be discussed in more detail during Executive Session.

FEMA Filing for January Storm

Fitzgibbons reported Crisp County has been included in the FEMA Public Assistance disaster declaration for damages caused by the January 12th storm. She reported we have started gathering the required documents and the first call will be in early March. She estimates our storm-related expenses to be \$150k ~ \$200k.

Report on MEAG Feb 2023 BOD Meeting

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported during the MEAG BOD meeting, there was a presentation on projected forward price curves. The spot market prices spiked in December due to gas pipeline constraints and generation availability constraints but gas prices were lower in January. MEAG expects increased volatility in market prices due to retiring coal plants. The nuclear units ran well at 9.5% above budget. Plant Hatch's Unit #2 is winding down in preparation for refueling. Due to low gas prices, utilization of the Wansley Combined Cycle plant was high (above 75% capacity factor), gas generation was 20% above budget, and there was very little coal generation. SEPA was almost equal to budget. The total MEAG energy sales were 8.5% less than January 2022.

Fitzgibbons also gave a brief report on some of the activities that are taking place in the State, Federal, and local communities. She presented an update on Vogtle 3&4 Projects.

Report on Current Projects

- ❖ Gary Youngblood reported ECG has not held its monthly meeting because it will be held at the Foreman's Conference in two weeks.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported docks are being erected. He reported Aqua Services will be coming mid-March to begin its annual spraying services and they will begin near the Swift Creek area.
- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported they will be meeting to discuss the new substation. They are working with landowners to get easements. Hewitt reported West Fraser will be take a transformer out of service so we may get some calls.

- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported for Blake Manning that the tree trimming crew is working in the pecan orchards. They have some irrigation projects and more on the way. Crews are working on Osmose poles. The Lineman's Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 6th and he has received some interest from several new employees.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported there were a total of 87 outages, 7,433 customers were affected, and a total of 8,097 interruptions.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported the drier weather has allowed the trucks to remove more ash from the ash pond. He reported the start-up for the gas turbine has been extended because we're waiting on parts for the CT and waiting on parts for #2. He hopes to have both running by summer.
- ❖ Grant Buckley reported there was no new unemployment numbers as of today; however, he referenced the rates back in December as 3.9%. He reported West Fraser had Line 1 down but no layoffs occurred.

Other Business

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

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

Executive Session

No action taken.

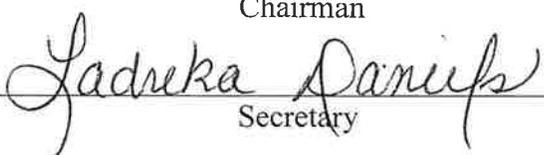
At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chairman called the meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission back into regular order.

Meeting Adjourned

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



Chairman



Secretary

Approved this 28th day of March 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 or real estate issues.
- 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 28th day of February, 2023

Walt
Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia
Sworn to and described before me this
28th day of February, 2023.

Ladreka Daniels
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 11/07/2024

SEAL

