

**CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION  
CORDELE, GEORGIA**

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2:00 P.M.  
March 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, Vice-Chairman  
Rusty Slade  
John Pridgen  
James Dowdy  
Mark Crenshaw  
Larry Felton

**Others Present:**

Becky Fitzgibbons, Interim General Manager  
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary  
Rick Lawson, Attorney  
Sam Farrow, County Commissioner  
Clark Harrell, County Administrator  
Gary Youngblood, ECG Representative  
Chris Hewitt, Manager of Tech Services  
Blake Manning, Manager of Operations  
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer  
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager  
Chad Young, IT Director  
Kylee Little, Economic Development  
Executive Assistant  
Ronnie Miller, Manager of Production  
Grant Buckley, IDC Director

**Telephone Conference:**

Jeremey Ferrell, Nextera  
Avin Sundar, Nextera

**Absent:**

James Nance, County Commissioner

**Media Present:**

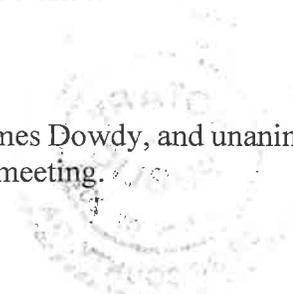
Dee Sinha, WSST-TV

**Call To Order**

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular February 2023 meeting.



Jeremy Ferrell introduced Avin Sundar via telephone conference. Avin reiterated the benefits and savings that CCPC would experience if CCPC chose to reconsider the contract. He expressed that Nextera has made all the concessions CCPC had asked and are willing to make any more reasonable concessions, in order to move forward with the contract.

The floor was opened for any questions or comments. There were none.

No actions were taken and Chairman Hughes thanked Mr. Sundar and Mr. Ferrell for their time.

### **Review of February 2023 Financial Statements**

Operating Revenues	\$3,775,319.94
Operating Expenses	\$4,615,874.84
Net Revenues	(\$812,102.91)
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$783,683.01
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$2,213,083.74
Total Funds On Hand	\$5,272,821.57

Interim General Manager Fitzgibbons reported energy sales for February were lower than the same time last year in each class. Industrial was down 33.6% due to Norbord's usage being 36% less than February 2022. Revenue from sales are lower than the same month last year by 4.8%. Sales were below budgeted amount for the month for large industrial and above the budgeted amount for non-large industrial. Total KWh sales are now 6.8% below the YTD budget.

Fitzgibbons reported weather for February was warmer than average with 417-degree days for the month compared to the average of 377-degree days. NOAA data shows we set five record highs throughout the month. River flows were mostly above average. Hydro-production was 5.1% less than the long-term average and 5% higher than the same month last year. She reported Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance.

Fitzgibbons reported cash available for operations as of February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$5.27 million which was a decrease of \$1.08 million from the prior month. The available cash is lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million ~ \$9.5 million. She requested a \$2 million transfer from the MCT.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to approve the \$2 million transfer from the MCT.

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to approve the February Financial Statements.

### **City of Albany Indemnity Agreement**

Fitzgibbons reported we have been asked to borrow (no cost) a pulling rig and tensioner from Albany. We will use this equipment for several weeks to assist us with work being

done at the new sub-station site. The City of Albany is requesting us to sign an indemnity agreement. The agreement has been approved by CCPC's attorney.

A motion was made John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the execution of the indemnity agreement between The City of Albany and CCPC.

### **SEPA Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

Fitzgibbons reported SEPA is now offering Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to all current SEPA customers. They will be distributed quarterly beginning with the first quarter of 2023. One REC is issued for every megawatt hour (MWh) of verified renewable energy. Crisp's 2022 allocation is 28,679. The M-RETS tracking platform will be used to track and manage the certificates. An M-RETS account is required and participants can choose between having an individual account or a single agent account specifying MEAG as the agent. The annual cost of an M-RETS account is \$2,200.

MEAG recommends participants utilize the 'MEAG as agent' option because the annual fee will be shared among all participants who select this option. SEPA's deadline for submitting the REC Distribution Form was March 15<sup>th</sup>. Fitzgibbons reported the form was executed and submitted with the 'MEAG as agent' option; however, the selection can be changed at any time.

Fitzgibbons is seeking the board's authorization to continue with the 'MEAG as agent' selection or, if preferred, change the selection to an 'individual account'.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to continue with the 'MEAG as agent' option.

### **MEAG 2022 YES**

Fitzgibbons reported the 2022 MEAG Year End Settlement was approved by the MEAG Power Board and totals \$21.7 million. Crisp's portion is \$252,295. Fitzgibbons reported as discussed during the December budget meetings, she recommends the YES be applied to the monthly MEAG bill.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to apply the 2022 MEAG YES to the monthly MEAG bill.

### **Report on MEAG March 2023 Board of Directors Meeting**

Interim Manager Fitzgibbons reported there was a presentation on projected forward price curves. Both natural gas and wholesale market prices are below budgeted expectations due to strong gas storage levels and mild weather. MEAG generating units ran well with the nuclear units running 3.4% above budget. Unit #2 at Plant Hatch was offline for refueling. Due to low gas prices and the Plant Hatch Unit #2 refueling outage utilization of the Wansley combined cycle plant was high (83.7% capacity factor, a record for February), gas generation was 23% above budget, and there was very little coal generation. SEPA was 7.2% above budget. MEAG energy sales were 7.7% less than this same time last year and 7.9% below budget for the year with weather being the primary factor.

Fitzgibbons reported on new developments throughout on the local, federal, and state levels. She reported the MEAG Board received an update on the Vogtle 3&4 Project and she presented slides of the continued progress of the Vogtle construction.

### Current Projects

- ❖ Kylee Little reported Grant is working on several small projects. She reported the Teen Maze is going on at the High School. She also reported their auditors will be here next month.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported on the projected high flow event. He reported we began lowering the lake and we will keep monitoring the levels daily. He reported we are still waiting on parts to come in for the Gas Turbine and #2. He also reported on the Ash Pond removal and rebuilding progress.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported there were 23 outages, 2,155 customers were affected, and 2,208 interruptions.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported he has been visiting Lake owners informing them about high flow event especially in the Turkey Creek areas. He experienced some concern from customers regarding the white perch spawning. He reported seawalls can be repaired while the lake is down and some owners are taking advantage of the drawdown. He also reported the spraying crews will delay their visit for another week or so due to the flood event.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are working on Osmose pole change outs, substation maintenance, and assisting the crew at the Plant. He reported he had a crew canvassing the city searching for S/L outages and they discovered about 60 lights there were out of service. ROW crews are cleaning around pecan orchards and dead trees around the lines throughout the city. He also reported the Lineman's Rodeo will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and we have 7 apprentices that will be participating.
- ❖ Chris Hewitt reported MEAG sent switching orders for mobile unit. He reported crews are progressing on the new Pateville substation with fencing and staking routes.
- ❖ Clark Harrell expressed his appreciation to Chris and Blake for a job well done for getting the Recreation Ball Complex lights working because they recently hosted a tournament with over 462 registered kids. He reported they are working special purpose option sales tax projects and getting underway for their budget session.
- ❖ Gary Youngblood reported there are several ECG classes, courses, and conferences that will begin to take place. He mentioned the ECG Annual Meeting is June 8-10<sup>th</sup> and the Metering Conference is July 25-27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Grant Buckley reported unemployment rates for January was 4.3%.
- ❖ Becky Fitzgibbons reported the Drag Boat Race has been cancelled due to communication issues and other concerns.
- ❖ Commissioner Felton asked was there further discussion regarding the Nextera project since the last meeting due to the requests of the Board? Fitzgibbons and other Board Members reported they did receive the amended contract; however, the Board was sticking with its decision they made back in January to cancel the contract. Felton then asked since the Deceased Customer Policy was tabled where were we with it now. It was reported since it was tabled there has been no further discussion and is now dead.

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

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss a 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 that there was no further business to come before the Commission and declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

  
Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia  
Sworn to and described before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 11/07/2024

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