

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION  
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.  
July 25, 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
Others Present:	Chris Hewitt, General Manager Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney Angela Craft, Customer Svc. Supervisor Mark Crenshaw, Commissioner Clint Branch, Tech Services Manager Ronnie Miller, Production Manager Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Blake Manning, Operations Manager Chad Young, Director of IT Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager Clark Harrell, County Administrator Grant Buckley, IDC Director Kurk Arich, Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins
Absent	Larry Felton, Commissioner Sam Farrow, Commissioner
Media	Dee Sinha

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular May 2023 meeting.

## 2022 Audit Presentation

Chairman Hughes introduced Kurk Arich, Engagement Senior Manager with Mauldin and Jenkins, the Power Commission's audit firm. Mr. Arich stated that the Commission had a very good year and reported no significant deficiencies in the 2022 Audit. Mr. Arich made no recommendations for change or other actions and stated the result was a very clean audit, which is the best outcome we could have. He commended the staff for their hard work throughout the year to help make the audit a success.

## Review of June 2023 Financial Statement

Operating Revenues	\$4,431,054.47
Operating Expenses	\$5,204,323.20
Net Revenues	\$(737,412.46)
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$1,314,258.54
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$(6,105,369.74)
Year to Date Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$4,007,325.02
Total Funds on Hand	\$2,428,880.90

Manager Hewitt reported energy sales for the month in all classes were lower than the same time last year due to mild weather. Revenue from sales were lower than the same month last year by 12.1%. Mild weather was the primary driver. Sales were below the budgeted amount for the month for both large industrial and non-large industrial. Total kWh sales are now 9.2% below the YTD Budget.

Manager Hewitt reported there were 404 heating/cooling degree days for June 2023 which was 22.6% less compared to June 2022 which saw 521 -degree days and 14.6% below the long-term monthly average of 452. River flows in the Flint for June were significantly above the period for last year and well above the long-term average. Hydroelectric production was 19.3% greater than the long-term average and 110.2% greater than June of last year. SEPA was 11.7% above average for the month. Unit #2 is currently out of service for maintenance; however, the reassembly is going well and we hope to have it back operational by the end of the year.

It was reported that cash available for operations as of June 30 was \$2.42 million which is a decrease of \$1,793,366 from the prior month. The available cash is lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million ~ \$9.5 million. Some large expenditures for ash remediation and Pateville Sub, which are our 2 biggest projects at this time, are expected in July. Manager Hewitt reported we will continue to watch and monitor the bank account as the revenues are remaining steady although the reserves are much lower. He recommended an approval to possibly transfer \$2M from the MCT to bring available cash back up close to our recommended minimum, if needed as a precautionary action.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve a \$2 million transfer from the MCT account, if necessary.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the June 2023 Financial Statements.

## Report on MEAG BOD Meeting

Manager Hewitt reported at the MEAG Board meeting was held at the Annual MEAG Meeting. The fixed and variable costs were over budget by about 0.49 cents per kWh for the month and 0.14 cents per kWh under budget YTD. Fixed and variable costs by project were under budget by \$30.6M. Variable costs were under budget by \$21.2M. Project 1, 2, and 3 were under budget due to the fossil units running at reduced levels due to low NG prices. The Combined Cycles was \$13.8M above budget due to low NG prices. Natural gas prices were well below budget and expected to remain low for the remainder of the year. Henry Hub was at \$2.18/MMBTU with a forecast at \$2.50/MMBTU for the remainder of the year. Nuclear units ran 0.2% above budget. Unit #1 at Plant Vogtle was offline for a short outage and is now back at 100%.

Coal generation decreased 59% due to the nuclear units running on budget and NG prices remaining low. Coal is at 67 days of storage with 70 days being the max. Forced burns will be conducted to manage coal inventories until placed back to an economic dispatch status. The Wansley combined cycle plant ran 20.8% above budget due to the low gas prices. MEAG expects higher than budget generation for the remainder of 2023 because of low gas prices.

SEPA was 11.7% above budget due to wet weather. Off-system purchase volumes were 20.6% below budget due. Total power resources were 67% non-emitting for May 2023 and 62% non-emitting for the rolling 12-month period. Total MEAG energy sales were 8.6% less than June 2022 and 9.4% below budget for the year with continued mild weather being the primary factor.

Manager Hewitt reported on the corporate affairs that are happening around our local areas and on federal and state levels. The date for the Mayors Summit is November 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>. Hewitt presented the Board with a report and slide presentation on the progress of Vogtle Units 3 & 4.

## Current Projects

- ❖ Becky Fitzgibbons reported we will be receiving a \$100,000 reimbursement check from GEMA in the mail soon from the storm damages from January 2023.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported Unit #2 has being repaired. He reported we had some gate links to break on Unit #3 and we are waiting for FERC's approval to dewater. He reported the Ash removal project is still going well and he hopes it will be completed in the Fall. FERC will be on site Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for its annual inspection. The work on the Solar Turbine is complete. It is very efficient and running well.
- ❖ Clint Branch reported there has been a slight delay on the Pateville Sub project due to the weather. He reported Osmose has completed their inspection of 2,985 poles with only 7% rejects. They are working on 1170 & will lease jobs to help with blinking.
- ❖ Chad Young reported he is working on fiber electronic re-closures that will help with communication and visibility to the SCADA system.

- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported there were a total of 93 outages that affected 5,145 customers with 5,171 interruptions. He is working on electronic re-closures on Cannon Road.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported docks are still being built around the lake. He reported the spraying crews will return in two/three weeks.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are continuing to do daily work and maintenance. They will begin to patrol the city for street light repairs very soon. He commended the line crews for the great job they did over the weekend after the storm.
- ❖ Grant Buckley reported that there is a delay to the Owens Corning site due to weather and the unemployment rate is less than 4%.

**Other Business**

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

**Executive Session**

No actions were 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 June 2023 Board Meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 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.

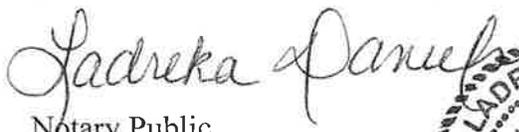
A portion of said meeting was closed to the public (held in "Executive Session"), and that the subject matter of the closed portion thereof was devoted exclusively to matters within the exceptions to the "Open Meeting Law" (OCGA section 50-14-1, et seq), and that the specific relevant exception(s) thereof 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 25th day of July, 2023

  
Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia  
Sworn to and described before me this  
25th day of July, 2023.



Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 11/07/2024

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