

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION  
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.  
December 19, 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  
Rusty Slade  
John Pridgen  
James Dowdy  
Sam Farrow  
Mark Creshaw

Others Present:

Chris Hewitt, General Manager  
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary  
Rick Lawson, Attorney  
Becky Fitzgibbons, Bus. & Finance Manager  
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager  
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer  
Clint Branch, Tech Services Manager  
Chad Young, IT Director  
Blake Manning, Operations Manager  
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager  
Clark Harrell, County Administrator  
William Edward, Grand Jury Commisisoner

Absent:

Larry Felton

**Called To Order**

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

**November Minutes and Budget Work Session Minutes**

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

**Review of November 2023 Financial Statement**

Operating Revenues	\$3,408,629.26
Operating Expenses	\$4,940,383.67
Net Revenues	(\$1,329,978.43)

Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$859,524.81
Year to Date Net Revenues	(\$13,065,207.42)
Year to Date Net Revenues (After Adj)	\$8,188,673.59
Total Funds On Hand	\$1,156,479.36

Manager Hewitt reported energy sales for November were lower overall than November of last year. Revenue from sales were lower than the same month last year by 2.8%.

Hewitt reported sales were below 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 7.5% below the YTD budgeted amount. Weather for November was below the long-term average and the same time last year. There were 269 heating/cooling degree days for the month (3.9% below) compared to 280 in November 2022 and 2.7 % below the long-term monthly average of 277. River flows were below the period for last year and below the long-term average. Hydroelectric production was 28% less than the long-term average and 30.5% less than the same time last year. Unit #2 is currently still out of service for maintenance, waiting on shims to be delivered and Unit #3 is out of service due to broken gate links with approval from FERC on 10/18 to proceed with de-watering of unit for repair.

It was reported that cash available for operations as of November 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,156,479 which is an increase of \$592,476 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 are expected for the remainder of the year and also into the next year. He reported although we are reaching the near end of the closure and are expecting those large expenditures, we will continue to watch and monitor the bank account as the revenues are remaining steady and the reserves are much lower. He recommended an approval to possibly transfer \$2M from the MCT before or by next month's meeting to bring available cash back up close to our recommended minimum, if needed, as a precautionary measure.

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

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the November 2023 Financial Statements.

### **Transfer of Bad and Doubtful Debt List for 2022**

Manager Hewitt reported the bad and doubtful debts for 2022 that need to be written off the books for audit reasons were \$67,610.38 which amounts to approximately 0.15% of revenue. He stated we are required to move these debts off our anticipated income at the end of 2022. Efforts will continue on collection of these accounts through various methods.

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and carried to approve the transfer of the Bad and Doubtful accounts.

### **Report on ECG Election**

The Electric Cities of Georgia held its board election at their annual meeting earlier this month. Hewitt reported Jay Bartlee from the City of LaGrance, Craig Mims from the City of Forsyth, and Blake Manning from Crisp County Power Commission were elected to 3-years term.

### **Proposed Budget 2024**

Manager Hewitt stated there had been no significant changes to the 2024 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. His recommendation was to increase rates uniformly by 4%.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 Budget.

### **Current Projects**

- Becky Fitzgibbons reported the annual warehouse audit will take place on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
- Ronnie Miller reported shims have been ordered and should arrive early-mid January. He also reported the contractor that is working on Unit #3 stated they hope to be completed by January 16, 2024.
- Rick Vaughn reported there were 31 total outages that affected 936 customers. He reported he continues to work on the modeling loads fo the ADS future expansion.
- Clint Branch reported they continue work at Pateville sub. He reported there are several irrigation projects. Crews continue to work at the old Middle Schoo and at the SGTC parking lot.
- Chad Young reported he continues to work on the communications to the automatic reclosers.
- Blake Manning reported crews continue to work at Pateville Sub and on daily work.
- Troy Gilliam reported things are slow around the Lake other than some minor dock repairs. He reported we received our 1<sup>st</sup> \$250 permit.

### **Other Business**

Manager Hewitt presented Commisisoner Warren Ray Hughes with an Arcman Lamp for his years of service as a Grand Jury Appointed Commission.

Hewitt reported a need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Sam Farrow, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**Executive Session**

No actions were taken.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session 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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Chairman

  
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Secretary

Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

*Assa W. Wilkerson*  
Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

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

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



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