

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA

1:44 P.M.
December 17, 2024

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: Alissa Wilkerson, Chairman
John Pridgen
Rusty Slade
William Edwards
James Dowdy
Larry Felton

Others Present: Chris Hewitt, General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Mark Crenshaw, Commissioner
Sarah Howell, 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
Eli Tinsley, Grand Jury Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager
Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Absent: Sam Farrow

Called To Order

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

November Minutes and Budget Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by William Edwards, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular November meeting and the December Budget Work Session.

Review of November 2024 Financial Statement

Operating Revenues	\$3,421,643.36
Operating Expenses	\$4,786,057.96

Net Revenues	(\$1,160,201.50)
Year to Date Net Revenues	(\$8,769,955.28)
Total Funds on Hand	\$1,043,960.50

Manager Hewitt reported energy sales for November were higher overall than November of last year. Sales in each class was greater than the same period this time last year. Revenue from sales were greater than the same month last year by 0.4%.

Hewitt reported sales were below the budgeted amount for the month with total sales 7% below budget. Large Industrial Class was 29.7% below budget and non-large Industrial was above budget 5.1%. Total MWh sales, the Commission is now 6.2% above the YTD budget. The weather for November was below the long-term average and below this time last year. There were 199 heating/cooling degree days for the month (26.2% below) compared to 269 in November 2023 and 27.9% below the long-term average. River flows in the Flint for November were slightly above average. Generation was higher for the month compared to the this time last year and below the long-term and as a result hydroelectric production ran 10.9% below the long-term average and 28% above November of last year. Unit #1 is out of service due to missing trash racks. Unit #2 is out of service for re-assembly. Unit #3 is out of service for wicket gate maintenance.

Hewitt reported that cash available for operations as of November 30th was \$1,043,961 which is an increase of \$296,744 from the prior month. The available cash is lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million ~ \$9.5 million. We will continue to watch and monitor the bank account. He recommended 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 Larry Felton, seconded by James Dowdy, and unanimously carried to approve the November 2024 Financial Statements.

A motion was made by William Edwards, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to approve a transfer, not to exceed \$2 million from the MCT account crediting Project M charges on our MEAG bill, if necessary.

Transfer of Bad and Doubtful Debt List for 2023

Manager Hewitt reported the bad and doubtful debts for 2023 that need to be written off the books for audit reasons were \$56,946.128 which amounts to approximately 0.13% of revenue. He stated we are required to move these debts off our anticipated income at the end of 2024. Efforts will continue on collection of these accounts through various methods.

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

Policy Additions

Manager Hewitt discussed the Selling Back Unused Vacation Time policy that will provide employees with the option to sell back unused vacation time, enhancing flexibility, and financial benefits while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Employees must be in

good standing and have completed at least one year of continuous service with CCPC. Employees must have a minimum of 160 hours of accrued vacation to request a sellback. Sellbacks will not be processed if the resulting balance of vacation time falls below 160 hours and employees may not sell back more than 40 hours of vacation time in a calendar year.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Larry Felton, and carried to approve the Selling Back Unused Vacation Time policy that will become effective 01/01/2025.

Manager Hewitt discussed the Overtime During an Impending or Declared Emergency or Disaster that defines the structure and implements uniform procedures for the payment and tracking of wages during an impending or declared emergency and/or disaster response and recovery period for employees classified as either exempt or non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act. There is no change to non-exempt employees; however, exempt employees shall receive their normal salary plus overtime (straight-time) for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week directly related to the declared emergency.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by William Edwards, and carried to approve the Overtime During an Impending or Declared Emergency or Disaster policy that will become effective 01/01/2025.

Proposed Budget 2025

Manager Hewitt stated there had been no significant changes to the 2025 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 cumulatively increase rates by 26.8%.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Larry Felton, and unanimously carried to approve the 2025 Budget.

Current Projects

- Troy Gilliam reported the lake water is coming back up and docks are being erected.
- Blake Manning reported line crews are working on daily work, pole change outs, and shifting focus from Platteville Substation to the Fenn Road project. He reported there is a meeting scheduled with Helena in reference to a planned outage. Crews had 63 lights to repair at the recreation department. Blake will have crews to check on those light periodically so that there will not be a large number in the future.
- Clint Branch reported line construction is working on Platteville Sub. He reported four hotels will be replacing their in-house car charges. Crews have been working on flood lights for City Hall.
- Chad Young reported he and Michael Weaver have been working on communications to all field devices and reclosers.
- Rick Vaughn reported there were 36 outages, 3,659 customers affected, and 3,805 customer interruptions. He reported he has completed the load study.

- Ronnie Miller reported Unit #3's big drain plug bolts holes are very worn due to the age. Scheduled trash racks are on hold until around the first of the year due to rain last week.

Other Business

Manager Hewitt reported the City of Cordele executed their 2025-2029 Franchise Agreement. He also reported that we need update signatures of each Commissioner and General Manager in order to add Sarah Howell as check signer.

Manager Hewitt presented retiring Commissioner Rusty Slade with a Resolution honoring his years of continuous service with Crisp County Power Commission.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution honoring Commissioner Rusty Slade's years of service with Crisp County Power Commission.

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

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by John Pridgen, 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.

A motion was made by Larry Felton, seconded by John Pridgen to approve the General Manager's annual salary of \$164,000 for 2025.

Meeting Adjourned

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



 Chairman



 Secretary

Approved this 28th day of January 2025

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 17th day of December, 2024


 Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia
Sworn to and described before me this
17th day of December, 2024.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires 10/22/2028

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