

CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M.
January 28, 2025

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
John Pridgen
William Edwards
Eli Tinsley
James Dowdy
Mark Crenshaw
Larry Felton

Others Present:

Chris Hewitt, General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Sam Farrow, Commissioner
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager
Clint Branch, Tech Services Manager
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Sarah Howell, Business & Finance Manager
Blake Manning, Operations Manager
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Chad Young, IT Director
Grant Buckley, IDC Director
Clark Harrell, County Administrator
Rusty Slade, Ex-Commissioner
Josh Beckham, Golden Foundry
George Boyd, Golden Foundry
Stan Hand, Golden Foundry

Absent:

James Nance

Media Present:

None

Call to Order

Chairwoman Alissa Wilkerson called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Oath of Office

Chairwoman Wilkerson turned the meeting over to the Attorney, Rick Lawson, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Mark Crenshaw, James R. Dowdy, III, William Edwards, Sammie Farrow, Larry Felton, John Pridgen, William Eli Tinsley, and Alissa Wright Wilkerson. Signed Oaths are attached to and become a part of these minutes.

Election of Officers

The Chairwoman proceeded to call for a nomination of officers.

Chairman – Alissa Wright Wilkerson was nominated.

Vice-Chairman – John Pridgen was nominated.

Secretary – Ladreka Daniels was nominated.

John Pridgen made a motion, seconded by William Edwards and unanimously carried to appoint Alissa Wright Wilkerson as Chairman, John Pridgen as Vice-Chairman, and Ladreka Daniels as Secretary of the Commission.

Golden Foundry Request to Present

George Boyd with Golden Foundry briefly explained what Golden Foundry is and what their business does both in Cordele and Columbus. He was privy to some items of our Cost Study Survey that we completed. Mr. Boyd explained the negative affects this rate increase will have on their entire business. He was seeking to discuss what other options may be available regarding the rate for their business such as remaining on their current RTP rate or give them 18 months before the new rate begins.

After discussion, the board agreed to allow Golden Foundry to remain on the RTP rate for the year of 2025 and beginning January 2026, they will then be billed on the General Service Primary Distribution Rate with the 40% discount. If Golden Foundry accepts this offer, the offer will also be extended to the other business that is on the current RTP rate.

With a vote of four-to-one, a motion was made by William Edwards, seconded by Eli Tinsley to allow Golden Foundry to remain on their current RTP rate for the year of 2025. Beginning January 2026, they will be billed on the General Service Primary Distribution Rate with the 40% discount. If accepted, this offer will also be extended to the other business on the RTP rate.

Appointments

The Chairwoman proceeded to call for appointments.

Attorney - Richard Lawson was nominated.

Agri-Industrial Division Representative – Eli Tinsley was nominated.

Lake Blackshear Appeals Board – Mark Crenshaw, William Edwards, James Nance, and Alissa Wilkerson-Alternate were nominated.

Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Representative – Eli Tinsley was nominated.

Keep Crisp Beautiful Board – Ronnie Miller was nominated.

Main Street – Alissa Wright Wilkerson and Sarah Howell were nominated.

Crisp-Dooly Joint IDA Board - John Pridgen was nominated.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by William Edwards and unanimously carried to approve all the nominations as presented.

By-Laws

No changes were made. A copy of the By-Laws is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

Check Signing Resolution

No changes were made. A copy of the resolution is attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

Rules and Regulations

No changes were made. A copy of the rules and regulations are attached to and becomes a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mark Crenshaw, seconded by John Pridgen to accept the By-Laws, Check Signing Resolution, and Rules and Regulations as presented with no changes for 2025.

Approve Authorizations for Municipal Competitive Trust Transfers

Manager Hewitt presented a resolution authorizing the Chairwoman and himself, to execute the MEAG Trust and other documents requested of MEAG.

A motion was made by Mark Crenshaw, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairwoman and General Manager to execute MEAG documents.

Approve Authorizations for ECG Authorized Officials and Voting Delegates

Manager Hewitt presented a resolution authorizing the Chairwoman and himself, to execute ECG voting requirements and other documents requested of ECG.

A motion was made by Mark Crenshaw, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairwoman and General Manager to execute ECG documents.

Minutes

A revision was made to the minutes after reconvening back into regular session.

A motion was made by James Dowdy, seconded by William Edwards, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular December 2024 monthly meeting with the revision.

Review of Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$3,915,436.29
Operating Expenses	\$4,803,068.90
Net Revenues	(\$249,561.04)
Year to Date Net Revenues	(\$8,967,028.22)
Total Funds On Hand	\$1,737,035.45

General Manager Hewitt reported energy sales were higher overall than December of last year. For the current month, sales in each class compared to December 2023 were greater except in the Commercial class. Revenue from sales were higher than the same month last year by 5.7%. Total sales were 5.3% above the budgeted amount for the month. Total MWh sales is now 6.1% above budget.

December 2024 was above the long-term average with 458 heating/cooling degree days for the month compared to 438 in December of last year and the long-term average of 441-degree days. River flows in the Flint for December were above the long-term average. Hydroelectric production was 49.8% less than the long-term average and 33% less than the same month last year. Unit #1 trash racks have been replaced. Unit #2 is currently out of service for re-assembly and Unit #3 is out of service for wicket gate maintenance.

Hewitt reported our cash available for operations as of December 31st was \$1,737,035 which is an increase of \$693,074 from the prior month. He reported the available cash is lower than our recommended reserve level of \$7.9 million - \$9.5 million. He reported the MCT balance as of 01/28/2025 is \$9.58M. Hewitt recommends approval to possibly transfer up to \$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 James Dowdy, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to authorize a transfer, not to exceed \$2M from the MCT account crediting Project M charges on our MEAG bill, if necessary.

A motion was made by William Edwards, seconded by John Pridgen, and unanimously carried to approve the December 2024 Financial Statements.

MEAG BOD Meeting

Manager Hewitt reported fixed and variable costs were above budget by about 0.36 cents per kWh for the month and 0.04 cents per kWh under budget YTD. Fixed and variable costs were under budget by \$49.7M. Variable cost was under budget by \$26.2M. Project 4 was \$0.5M above budget. R&R expenditures were above budget for the month by \$2.9M and are currently running \$4.9M above budget YTD. 2024 NG prices dropped below budget early in the year and remained well below budget for the entire year. 2024 gas storage for the year is running about 6% above the 5-year rolling average. Spot Market tends to trend the same as the gas prices are remaining well below budget 11 out of the 12 months.

Hewitt reported the nuclear units ran 0.4% above budget. Both Hatch 2 and Vogtle Unit #4 will have refueling outages in the Spring and Fall of 2025 respectively and were de-rated with Hatch 2 entering coast down and Vogtle #4 conserving fuel to support operations until the Fall. Coal generation is running 27.7% below budget due to the nuclear units running on budget and NG prices remaining low. The Wansley combined cycle plant ran 21.5% above budget at 74.6% utilization. SEPA was 1.8% above budget. Off-system purchase volumes were 9.6% above budget because of low market prices and reduction of use of higher cost units. Total power resources were 65% non-emitting for December 2024 and 61% non-emitting for the rolling 12-month period.

Hewitt reported on the corporate affairs that are happening around our local, state, and federal areas. He gave a summary of recent and upcoming events to include the Georgia Economic Outlook Luncheons that will be hosted in different cities of Georgia and the Cities United Summit that will be held at the MEAG Power Business Dinner on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Report on Current Projects

- Chris Hewitt reported for Clint Branch that crews are still working on 3rd phase construction at Pateville Substation. The last truck load of GAB gravel was delivered and put down this week. He reported 2 of the 4 small charging stations on hotel properties that will replace older ones have been installed. 2 of the 4 DOT I-75 cameras have been installed. Griffin Lumber service install for the dry kilns is complete. The pole change out for MEAG on Farmers Market Road has been scheduled for February. Fenn Road construction is complete.
- Chris Hewitt reported for Blake Manning that the first section of Fenn Road widening job has been completed. Crews are continuing to work on Pateville Sub job and spreading existing line out on concrete dead-end pole to make room for new wire installation. He reported crews worked a few scattered outages during Winter Storm Enzo and the extreme cold that followed. There were two

laden limbs that broke and fell on lines, two older transformers failed, and two fuses melted from prolonged overload.

- Sarah Howell reported all the rates have been updated. She also expressed thanks to the Customer Service Department for handling all the upset customers.
- Rick Vaughn reported there were 49 outages that affected 3,751 customers with 4,238 interruptions.
- Troy Gilliam reported slowly some docks are being built and repaired. He spoke with some contractors about spraying bids.
- Ronnie Miller reported the trash racks have been replaced. He expressed his thanks to the guys that stayed later in the cold weather to get the job done to keep the divers on track with completion. Finally received the permit approval for the secondary ash. Parts ordered for #2 and they should be here in March and we may have to order a new bushing for #3 with hopes of having them all working before summer.

Other Business

Manager Hewitt presented the board with a new policy for review and approval for employee compensation during hazardous weather that will establish clear guidelines for compensating employees during hazardous weather events. When employees are sent home and some have to come back work they will get paid time and a half when they report back to work.

A motion was made by William Edwards; however, the motion died for lack of second.

Policy was not approved.

Manager Hewitt presented Rusty Slade with an Arcman Meter Lamp in honor of his service. He served from January 2007-December 2024.

Meeting Adjourned

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


Chairwoman


Secretary

Approved this February 25th day of February 2025