

**CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION
CORDELE, GEORGIA**

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2:00 P.M.
March 25, 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, Chairwoman
John Pridgen, Vice-Chairman
William Edwards
Eli Tinsley
James Dowdy
Mark Crenshaw
James Nance

Others Present:

Chris Hewitt, General Manager
Ladreka Daniels, Secretary
Rick Lawson, Attorney
Sam Farrow, Commissioner
Larry Felton, Commissioner
Chad Young, IT Director
Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer
Clint Branch, Tech Services Manager
Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager
Blake Manning, Line Division Manager
Sarah Howell, Business & Fin. Manager
Ronnie Miller, Production Manager
Grant Buckley, IDC Director
Mickey Dunnivant, Interim Assistant
County Administrator
Laine Dupree, Air Evac
Beth Cornell, Air Evac

Absent: None

Media: None

Call To Order

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

Oath of Office

Chairwoman Wilkerson turned the meeting over to Attorney, Rick Lawson, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner James Nance. The signed Oath is attached to and become a part of these minutes.

Ms. Barefoot expressed thanks for what the Board did to assist Goldens Foundry. She still would like for the Board to consider the small business and residences. She requested the Board consider the sample she submitted with her request letter as to what Georgia Power does in regard to their customer discount options. She's requesting CCPC to update our residential customer discount options to include not only seniors over 65 but also to include the disabled individuals and low-income individuals. She referenced her 28 year-old disabled daughter's low income and expenses which she stated the increase in power bills is a significant percentage of her bills and it limits the funds for her other living needs. Manager Hewitt acknowledged that the Board did receive her submitted Georgia Power sample and he acknowledged that it says Crisp County Power Commission (CCPC); however, they are not CCPC's policy. She stated that she submitted the sample in hopes someone from CCPC would present her information on her behalf and as a favor to the citizens; however, she was told she requested to be on the Board and she had to be here to submit what she is requesting. She stated she was in Florida celebrating her birthday and had to return to present this to the board. She continued to say the sample she's presenting also includes SSDI, SSI, disabled, and those that are part of the housing choice voucher program. She's making the request that the Board will consider doing something similar to Georgia Power. Chairwoman Wilkerson announced that Meidra Felton had requested to appear; however, she was a no-show.

Minutes

A motion was made by William Edwards, seconded by Eli Tinsley, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular February 2025 meeting.

Review of February 2025 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$5,028,076.06
Operating Expenses	\$4,879,530.48
Net Revenues	\$205,587.33
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$943,646.45
Total Funds On Hand	\$1,962,680.33

General Manager Hewitt reported energy sales for February were higher overall than the same time last year in each class except for the Industrial Class. For the month, Industrial was down 5.4%. Revenue from sales was greater than the same month last year by 24.1%. Sales were 25.1% above the budgeted amount for the month. For large industrial, sales were below the budgeted amount for the month at 6.3% and non-large industrial was above budget at 36.7%. Total sales are now 17.4% above the YTD budget. Energy consumption was running 4.72% above February 2024 and about 2.98% above 2024 YTD.

Hewitt reported weather for February was below the long term average with 258-heating/cooling degree days for the month compared to 349 in February 2024 and the long-term monthly average of 375. River flows were slightly below normal for the month. Hydro-production was 58.7% less than the long-term average and 18.9% less than February of last year. He reported Unit #2 is currently out of service due to re-assembly and Unit #3 is out of service due to wicket gate maintenance.

Hewitt reported cash available for operations as of February 28th was \$1,962,680 which was an increase of \$427,919 from the prior month. The available cash is lower than our recommended reserve level of \$9.0 million ~ \$10.9 million. He requested a transfer from the MCT not to exceed \$2 million, if necessary.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by James Dowdy, 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 John Pridgen, seconded by William Edwards, and unanimously carried to approve the February 2025 Financial Statements.

Report on MEAG March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Manager Hewitt reported the fixed and variable costs were below budget by about \$0.60 per kWh for the month. By project, fixed and variable costs were under budget by \$4.9M. Variable costs by project were over budget by \$1.6M YTD. Renewal and Replacement expenditures were under budget for the month by \$1.5M and by project under budget by \$1.5M. The 2024 MEAG Year End Settlement by project is estimated to be around \$51,739,039.83.

Hewitt reported the Nuclear units ran 4.1% below budget. Hatch #1, Vogtle #s 1, 2, and 3 ran at 100%. Hatch #2 was in coast down preparing for refueling outage (returned to service March 15). Vogtle Unit #4 was de-rated due to boiler feed pump issues. Vogtle #2 scheduled for refueling on March 6. Coal generation ran 26.4% below budget due to milder weather and lower market prices. The Combined Cycle unit operated at 78.6% capacity factor which was 14.6% below budget due to higher prices from constrained pipeline capacity and lower market prices. SEPA was 17.6% below budget due to lower-than-normal pool levels and is expected to remain at near budgeted levels for the remainder of the year with recent rainfall allowing lake levels to return to normal pool. Off-system purchase volumes were 161.2% above budget because of reduction of use of higher cost units. Hewitt reported the total power resources were 62% non-emitting for February 2025 and 61% non-emitting for the rolling 12-month period. The total MEAG energy consumption was 4.6% above February 2024 and 3.4% below budget for the year.

Hewitt gave a brief report on the Pineview Solar project. He reported on new developments throughout on the local, federal, and state levels. He reported Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS), a leading provider of innovative water solutions, will invest \$30 million to expand its existing facility to 117,000 sq. ft, creating 50 new jobs. Hewitt reported the APPA National Conference will be held June 6th~June 11th. The MEAG Power Events at GMA Annual Convention will be held June 21st~June 22nd and the 2025 MEAG Power Annual Meeting will be held July 14th~July 16th.

Current Projects

Wilkerson introduced the new, Interim Assistant County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant.

- ❖ Mickey Dunnivant reported he has been around the county for 29 years. He reported the County will begin their contract on April 1st with Express Disposal with the green cans/black tops and the County's logo on the sides. He reported


there were a few hiccups; however, those issues have been resolved. He stated if residents run into any problems, please make them aware. He recommends using your old cans until April 1st.


- ❖ Grant Buckley reported the economy has been doing well here locally. He reported the last couple of months we've seen around a 3.1% unemployment rate with January increasing to around 3.6% which still isn't as bad. ADS is waiting on the land disturbance permit to be issued from the state before they can begin to start moving dirt.
- ❖ Ronnie Miller reported Unit #2's tapered pins were delivered to American Hydro and this coming Monday, the wear plates are to be delivered and inspected with hopes to be shipped out by end of next week. Unit #3, crews completed our part of the wicket gate maintenance. Consultant and engineer firm is looking at it to make sure the reads are in the tolerance as they should be. While waiting for all these parts to come in, crews have been working on the trash racks for Unit #2.
- ❖ Troy Gilliam reported three to four docks are being erected with some patch work on some docks. He reported we are waiting on quotes for the North Cedar Creek dock. Weed spraying will begin within the next two weeks, using the same contractor as in the past couple of years. Buoy count will be done and order placed for those that are missing.
- ❖ Rick Vaughn reported there were 27 outages, 770 customers were affected, and 905 customer interruptions. He's been working on energy audits. He reported the usage report breakdown has now been completed.
- ❖ Clint Branch reported crews are still working on Pateville Substation installing bus work and welding. Clint also reported Osmose is here changing out some of last year's poles. M&R services are here working on CT meter testing. They will be testing around 70/80 CT meters. He reported transformers and sub-stations were tested a couple of weeks ago and they all appear to be good; however, we have not received the test results back as of yet. Couple of irrigations are going up, one on McKenzie Road. Meetings are being held about the construction of the new cabins at the state park.
- ❖ Blake Manning reported crews are working on daily work and maintenance items. They are assisting with Osmose pole change outs.

Meeting Adjourned

Chairwoman Wilkerson announced that there was no further business to come before the Commission.

A motion was made by William Edwards, seconded by Eli Tinsley, declared the meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Secretary

Approved this 22nd day of April 2025