

**DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**May 9, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority was held May 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the WSA Administration Building.

Members present:

Peggy E. Baugh, Chairman (by phone)  
Nia Brown  
Cindy Fedack, Vice Chairman  
Christopher Flowers  
Vacant Seat, Douglas County Board of Commissioners  
Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Rochelle Robinson, Mayor, City of Douglasville  
Richard Segal  
Gilbert Shearouse, Executive Director

Members Absent:

Joseph Fowler, Board Attorney

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none. Vice Chairman Cindy Fedack presided over the meeting.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fedack and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adopt the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Shearouse introduced the second group of two Leadership WSA participants, Shondu Finch (Maintenance) and Holly Ledbetter (Water Operations). As part of their training, they spent the day learning about WSA's Administration department.

**STATUS REPORT**

There was nothing to add to the written report.

At this time, Vice Chairman Fedack introduced the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 (FOR INTRODUCTION ONLY).**

Per WSA bylaws, the Board heard the first reading of the resolution from Mr. Segal. Mr. Shearouse reported that the budgets stand as presented to the Board at the Spring Workshop. Following a question

from Mr. Segal, Mr. Shearouse announced that a public meeting on the budget will be held May 10, 2023 at 5 p.m.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ORDERS TO CIGNA AND STANDAD FOR THE AUTHORITY'S HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fedack and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR A FLYGT 280 HORSEPOWER SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE SWEETWATER CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT LIFT STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,176.40.**

A motion was made by Ms. Brown for Chairman Baugh and seconded by Ms. Robinson to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Shearouse presented the following items:

- He acknowledged Water Professionals Appreciation Day, established by Senate Bill 119, and signed into law in 2015. It generally coincides with National Drinking Water Week, which is the first week in May. Mr. Shearouse offered his appreciation of the nearly 200 employees of WSA, calling them a great group of dedicated employees.
- Mr. Shearouse highlighted WSA's Community Heroes, employees who are actively involved in community events. Last year, 63 employees volunteered and participated in over 54 activities in the community.
- WSA received several awards over the past year, including the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County Arts in the Community Award; GAWP 2022 Plant of the Year (Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant); GAWP 2022 Operator's Meritorious Service Award (Mike Henry); Gold Award for One Year: Sweetwater Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and Northside Water Pollution Control Plant; Platinum Award for One Year; South Central Wastewater Treatment Plant received the Platinum Award for 100% permit compliance for five years. This was its third consecutive year; Platinum Award in Drinking Water: Beat Creek Water Treatment Plant for 100% permit compliance (25 years and tied with Clayton County for most years earned).
- There will be 10 total interns for the summer. Three are already working as year-round interns and seven will be joining WSA in June for the summer. Three are rising seniors, three are graduating seniors and four are college students.
- Kamali Hansen (stormwater engineer) and Anna Cruickshank (Communications intern) are featured in a Georgia Public Broadcasting video as part of its "Let's Go Enviro" series, which provides educational resources for schools to learn more about environmental sciences.
- Mr. Shearouse announced Jason Pounds as WSA's Employee of the Year. He has worked at WSA for eight years, primarily as a mechanic. Mr. Shearouse cited his excellent attitude and amazing work ethic. Systems Manager Chip Butts, his supervisor, said Pounds is a leader in everything he does and is highly admired among his peers. The Board congratulated him and posed for a photo with him.

There was no further business before the Board, so Chairman Baugh called the meeting to an end. There was no objection, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen R. McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by:

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Peggy Baugh, Chairman