

Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016

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Chairman Saffo called to order the Authority Meeting scheduled on October 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone present. The meeting was held at the Authority's office located at 1107 New Pointe Boulevard, Suite 17, Leland, North Carolina. Director Milliken gave the invocation.

**Present:** Norwood Blanchard, Demetrice Keith, Wayne Edge, William Milliken, Charlie Rivenbark, Bill Saffo, Larry Sneed, William Sue and Skip Watkins

**Present Electronically by Telephone:** Trent Burroughs and Scott Phillips

**Absent:** Earl Andrews, Larry Johnson and Al Leonard

**Staff:** Don Betz, Executive Director; John Wessell, General Counsel; Tony Boahn P. E., McKim & Creed and Amy Scruggs, Administrative Assistant

**Guest:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Saffo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**C1 - Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 12, 2016**

**C2 - Kings Bluff Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report**

**C3 - Bladen Bluffs Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report**

**C4 - Budget Amendment #1**

**Motion:** Director Milliken **MOVED**; seconded by Director Blanchard, approval of the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OB1 - Status Report on Sink Hole Repair Work at Kings Bluff Raw Water Pump Station (Staff)**

Prior to reporting on the sink hole repair, Executive Director Betz reported on operation of the station during hurricane Matthew. The station intermittently operated on generator power due to a downed substation power line. In total, generator power was utilized for 31 hours using 2,770 gallons of fuel. An additional 2,290 gallons of fuel was purchased to replenish the supply. Once again, Jack Hogan and Darnel Brooks did a commendable job of manning the station for the entirety of the storm. The station suffered no damages.

Reporting on the sink hole repair work by State Utility Contractors, Executive Director Betz showed pictures of the unearthed 24-inch storm drain pipe illustrating that none of the eight joints were properly sealed upon initial installation by a T.A. Loving subcontractor. McKim and Creed inspected the installation and Mr. Boahn noted that it was not possible to inspect everything with just ten to fifteen hours per week allocated for inspection. He explained, once the trench was opened, the pipe would have been quickly laid and covered. With this being a latent issue, it would take years to materialize. Director Sue noted that when soils settle differently the joints will separate. The repair has been completed; however, the repair site, which is located in the parking lot area, will need to settle for an additional thirty to sixty days in preparation for re-paving. Executive Director Betz noted there are additional issues requiring repair which were not included in State Utility's original scope of work. There is a sidewalk which is about to collapse due to soil erosion in an area located against the building and close to the downspouts. Additionally, at the old building, there is a separation occurring between the sidewalk and the building. With the contractor currently mobilized on site, Executive Director Betz advised it is best for State Utility to additionally repair these issues as a change order at an estimated cost of approximately \$3,000.00. He also recommends the downspouts be extended and diverted further away from the building.

Executive Director Betz also showed pictures of repair work performed at the Bladen Bluffs Regional Surface Water System facility. All the windows across the filter bay in the administrative building were repaired. Due to long-term seepage around these windows, the sills were cut out; mold was removed and new sheetrock was installed and painted.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT****EDR1- Status Report on Cross Creek Commons Roof Repair**

Baker Roofing Company has begun the roof repair work at a cost of \$120,000.00 to be paid by the Cross Creek Commons owners. The Authority, being the third largest owner at 4.43%, will pay \$5,429.00 for its portion. A total of \$7,000.00 was budgeted for this repair. If there are no change orders, the balance of the budgeted amount will be used to paint water stained walls and replace water stained ceiling tiles in the Authority's office. Executive Director Betz expressed concern there may also be an issue with mold and odor due to the water leakage.

**EDR2- Status Report on Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Administrative Appeal**

A proposed order was provided to all participants in the appeal for review and it was submitted to the judge on October 6, 2016. It is anticipated the judge will render a decision in late November. Mr. Wessell said the proposed order is a 35 page summary of the issues and it provides a good synopsis of the position put forward by our side. Directors may contact Executive Director Betz or Mr. Wessell if they wish to receive a copy.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND/OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****Director Milliken**

Director Milliken requested staff to write a letter to Jack Hogan and Darnell Brooks in appreciation for their dedication and performance in manning and operating the Kings Bluff Raw Water Pump Station during hurricane Matthew.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Larry Sneed, Secretary