# Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Chairman DeVane called to order the Authority meeting scheduled on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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 Groves gave the invocation.

### Roll Call by Chairman DeVane:

**Present:** Patrick DeVane, Jerry Groves, Harry Knight, Scott Phillips, Chris Smith, Bill Sue, Phil Tripp, and Frank Williams

Present by Virtual Attendance: Wayne Edge, Al Leonard, Charlie Rivenbark, and Bill Saffo

Absent: Damien Buchanan and Rob Zapple

**Staff:** Tim H. Holloman, Executive Director; Matthew Nichols, General Counsel; Sam Boswell, COG; Tony Boahn P.E., McKim & Creed; and Danielle Hertzog, Financial Administration Assistant

Guests Present: Devon Moore, Computer Warriors; Kevin Morris, Cape Fear Public Utility Authority Deputy Director; Anthony Colon, Pender County Utilities Director; James Proctor, Pender County Utilities Deputy Director; David Carson, Brunswick County Kings Bluff Water Resource Supervisor; Glenn Walker, Brunswick County Water Resources Manager; Sean Kenyon, McKim & Creed Senior Project Engineer; and David Fournier, HDR Construction Services

Guests Virtual Attendance: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman DeVane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion:** Director Knight **MOVED**; seconded by Director Williams, to amend the agenda to include the Long-Range Planning Committee's presentation on the 25-Year Master Plan as part of the June meeting. Upon voting, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- C1 Minutes of May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- C2 Minutes of May 12, 2025, Finance Committee Meeting
- C3 Kings Bluff Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report
- C4 Bladen Bluffs Monthly Operations and Maintenance Reports
- C5 Line-Item Adjustment for April 30, 2025

**Motion**: Director Williams **MOVED**; seconded by Director Tripp, approval of the Consent Agenda Items C1-C5. Upon voting, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## OB1- Finance Committee Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Motion:** Director Knight **MOVED**; seconded by Director Williams, approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Budget Ordinance. Upon voting, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Master Plan Review (Capital Improvement Plan) review by Sean Kenyon

Sean Kenyon presented the current draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) from 2025 through 2050, including Kings Bluff, Raw Water, and Bladen Bluff water treatment facilities. The CIP had several factors, including category of need, capacity issue, whether it needs to be replaced or rehabilitated, and whether there is a maintenance efficiency or redundancy issue. They assigned each project a criticality score as to whether it was a high or low priority and looked at no consequence if no action was taken. There are three primary drivers: demand and capacity, life cycle, redundancy, and resiliency. The criticality is scored one, two, or

three. One being the lowest and three being the highest need. The preliminary design memorandum is based on a demand table for projected usage from the different entities, with a future demand of 96 million gallons per day in 2062.

Sean Kenyon listed fourteen projects for Kings Bluff and three cost-sharing projects. KB1 New 4th Pump at Kings Bluff has a criticality of three because current pumps will meet projected demands by 2037. The fourth pump will be standby/backup and add to pump rotation to reduce hours per pump. KB2 Rebuild/Refurbish the existing 1600 HP vertical turbine raw water pump. Rebuilding the pumps will extend their service life. KB3 Generators at King's Bluff Raw Water Pump Station have a criticality of two due to the need to upgrade due to the future increased load associated with auxiliary pump motor HP and larger quantities pump. The KB4 Pig 48" pipe from the Kings Bluff pump station to the 3 MG ground tank is critical because pigging will maintain a clean pipeline free of sediment, silt, and debris. It will also improve the efficiency of pumps by reducing the frictional characteristics of the pipeline. KB5 Pig 54" pipe from 3MG ground tank to US 421 has a criticality of one; sighting, the same reason as pigging the 48" pipeline. KB6 Walkway and air backwash building replacement have a criticality of two because the walkway is in serviceable condition and will need to be replaced by 2025 due to rotting wood and the overall weathering of the walkway. KB7 Replacing raw water pumps 1,4, and 5 has a criticality of three due to age and mechanical wear. KB8 New surge tank at Kings Bluff has a criticality of two because as the demand increases, surges in the system will likely increase, and this needs to be installed before the fifth pump comes online, KB9 5 ROW acquisitions rated a criticality of two. The KB10 48-inch PCCP inspection and pig from the ground tank to US 421, with a criticality of one, is a matter of utmost importance due to the current loss of capacity and/or clogging caused by sediment buildup. Similarly, the KB11 48-inch PCCP repairs, also with a criticality of one, pose a significant risk of a pipeline break. The KB12 48" PCCP Leak Detection Project has a criticality of one because of potential leaks and weak points in the existing line before a break or failure. KB13 Surge Tank Control Panel Upgrades are critical because replacing the existing panels with a single panel and connecting to SCADA improves efficiency, minimizes required maintenance, and increases operational flexibility. KB14 Solar Power Study and Installation has a criticality of one. This will enhance the reliability and efficiency of the station by providing a redundant power source.

CS1 A New fifth pump at Kings Bluff raw water pump station has a criticality of three because decreasing the load and run times of existing pumps will extend the life and improve all pumps' reliability. CS2 3-Mile parallel raw water main from 3MG Pender Vault to Cape Fear Public Utilities vault has one criticality. CS3 100MGD Reservoir has a criticality of one due to the increasing availability of a system for water storage, allowing for temporary redundancy of supply in the case of an emergency (line break, power outage, or hurricane)

**Motion:** Director Williams **MOVED**; seconded by Director Knight, approval of the Master Plan Review (Capital Improvement Plan). Upon voting, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### **ENGINEER'S COMMENTS**

No comments

#### ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

EDR1 - Comments on Customers' Water Usage and Raw Water Revenue for Fiscal Year to Date Ending May 31, 2025

Executive Director Holloman reported that during May, CFPUA exceeded projections.

#### DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND/OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman DeVane adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Al Leonard, Secretary