

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 5:15 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary, Commissioner Carl Kilgus and Commissioner Marion Dwight. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Will Martin, Gene Searson, and Chuck Hughes.

Chairman Clary called the meeting to order and Clerk Watson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2002 meeting as received. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the Income and Expense Statements, Commissioner Kilgus informed Manager Ellis that he was missing page 10 of the handout discussing the DHEC permitting process. Manager Ellis said he would provide him with another copy.

Commissioner Kilgus mentioned that he had noticed that more penalties were being collected. Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the same people month after month were paying the late penalties.

Commissioner Kilgus also mentioned that he had noticed that hay revenues were way down. Manager Ellis explained that this summer was a bad year for producing hay.

Chairman Clary asked if baling the hay was worth the expense of the labor involved.

Manager Ellis said it was not, but that past BPW Commissioners decided to continue baling the hay. Manager Ellis said the least cost method for handling the spray fields would be to chop the grass on the spray fields and to throw the chopped grass away.

Commissioner Dwight voiced that it seemed the BPW needed to do away with baling the hay.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that he would provide them with figures on what it cost to bale the hay at their next meeting. Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners that there is also some liability associated with selling hay that has been treated with wastewater.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the Income and Expense Statements as presented. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Manager's Report:

Manager Ellis showed the Commissioners the Industry Appreciation Ad that the BPW placed in the newspaper thanking the industries and their employees within the area. Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that Tri-County Alliance did not have an industry appreciation event this year but that Barnwell County and Bamberg County have events planned for a later date.

Manager Ellis presented information to the Commissioners explaining the purchasing of power from the Southeastern Power Administration. He explained that the purchase of power from the DOE would be half the cost of purchasing the same amount of power from Santee Cooper.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the Piggly Wiggly Project is moving forward and that a department store and a Dollar General Store are also looking to locate in the project center.

Chairman Clary asked when the project would start. Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the project would begin in a few weeks.

Commissioner Dwight asked when Fred's would be opening. Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that Fred's should be opening within a month.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that everyone is keeping an eye on the hurricanes because they could have an effect on gas prices. Manager Ellis explained that the BPW could get plenty of gas but that there could be times of curtailment.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that he is presently negotiating a ten year natural gas contract that would consist of five two year options.

Will Martin and Manager Ellis then presented a power point presentation on the BPW's wastewater treatment facility.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and to discuss negotiations incident to a contractual matter. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to come out of the executive session. Commissioner Dwight made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kilgus asked Manager Ellis when fluoride would be added back into the BPW's water. Manager Ellis explained that fluoride would be added to the system through the new plant which is being built. He said the new plant should be completed by the end of February.

Commissioner Kilgus thanked Manager Ellis and the BPW employees for supporting the TreasurerFest. He said he appreciated everything they did to make the event a success.

Commissioner Dwight said he would second those same comments made by Commissioner Kilgus.

Chairman Clary said Manager Ellis needed to have a team entered in the bar-b-que cookoff contest next year so he could serve the BPW employees bar-b-que.

With no further business, Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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