



SWA

Sinclair Water Authority

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**Called Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 ♦ 4:00 PM**

Sinclair Water Plant

The Sinclair Water Authority met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at approximately 4:00 PM at the Sinclair Water Plant, 126 Cay Drive, Milledgeville, Georgia.

*PRESENT*

Chairman Robert Brown

Member Sammy Hall

Member Tommy Jefferson

Member David Waddell

Member Billy Webster

*STAFF PRESENT*

Plant Manager Andrew Paracca

Clerk Lynn Butterworth

**Opening**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 3:56 p.m.

(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

**Called Meeting**

2. Discussion and possible action on ARPA Grant

Member Webster advised that the Eatonton-Putnam Water & Sewer Authority applied for a \$6M ARPA grant to do infrastructure and sewer improvements mostly in the City of Eatonton. Their application, prepared by ESG, included a 50% match, as It has been established that the more match money you put up the better your chances to get the grant. The \$3M match is made up by \$2M from EPWSA and \$1M between the City of Eatonton and Putnam County. He also advised that Putnam County has done several letters of support and committed over \$40M in grant dollars via letters or money.

Plant Manager Paracca advised that Carter & Sloope has been working on the ARPA grant application at a fee of \$1000-\$1500 and he recommended staying with them verses letting ESG write it.

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Plant Manager Paracca reviewed the proposed projects that would be funded with the grant money:

Long Term Repairs and Upgrades

- Basket Strainer vulnerability ~\$500,000.00
  - Add redundant valves and strainers for Sedimentation Effluent basket strainers
- Scada Upgrades ~\$50,000.00
  - New upgradable computers with updated operating system and Scada software
  - Backup communication failsafe set-up for Raw water, Putnam tank, and Baldwin tank comms
  - Additional Cybersecurity features added in
- Chemical Pump redundancy (~\$19,500.00)
  - Spare Fluoride pump \$1,851.00
  - Spare Phosphate pump \$978.00
  - Chlorine Dioxide
    - Pumps – \$1,569.00
    - CLO2 reactor replacement –\$9008.24
    - Eductor - \$1610.00
  - Carbon Pump Repairs – no estimate (possibly a \$6000.00 - \$10,000.00 explosion proof motor)

The total grant application would be for \$600K and would include a 50% match. Member Webster advised that the grant application would look even better if both Putnam and Baldwin would contribute to the matching funds.

Member Waddell asked if Baldwin and Putnam could each contribute \$50K and SWA handle the other \$200K. Members Webster and Hall advised that both boards of commissioners would have to decide that at a meeting.

**Motion to proceed with the ARPA grant application for \$600K with a 50% match from SWA.**

**Motion amended to not exceed \$200K from SWA.**

**Motion made by Member Webster, Seconded by Member Jefferson.**

**Amended motion made by Member Webster, Seconded by Member Jefferson.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Brown, Member Hall, Member Jefferson, Member Waddell, Member Webster**

**Closing**

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3. Adjournment

Plant Manager Paracca advised that he is leaving SWA as of November 15, 2021; he received another job for more money and will be able to work from home.

Member Webster threw out the idea of ESG running SWA, advising that they have been doing a good job at EPWSA. Chairman Brown agreed that it wouldn't hurt to listen to a proposal from them. Member Jefferson advised that they manage a plant identical to SWA, only larger. Member Waddell agreed that it would be good to explore, even if on a temporary basis.

Plant Manager Paracca will reach out to ESG to get a proposal before the next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Member Hall, Seconded by Member Jefferson.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Brown, Member Hall, Member Jefferson, Member Waddell, Member Webster**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
Clerk

Robert Brown  
Chairman

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