

## **JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**June 11, 2025**

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, June 11, 2025, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion  
Joseph Hardee, Vice-Chairman - Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District  
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston  
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree  
Tim James, City of Cayce  
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington  
Hazel Livingston, Town of Lexington  
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia  
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Gene House, Operations Manager
Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.	Ashton Blocker, Finance
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Melinda Lee, Operations
Sara Teem, Customer Service	

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Troy Bivens gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Chairman asked to amend the agenda to add easement discussion to Executive Session. The Chairman asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously

The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item four (4) regarding consideration of minutes from the 05/14/25 meeting. Mr. Troy Bivens made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Tem Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) Executive Report. Mr. Jay Nicholson gave a brief oral report to the board. The Batesburg-Leesville tank is near 100% complete and line work is 75% complete with a completion end in October 2025. The Commission had three employees complete the Government Leadership Program through Midlands Tech (Lindsay Jumper, Jason Brummer and Anthony Self). Several operations staff achieved certifications (Joseph Hardee, Dalton Sease and Tevin Copeland). A meeting was held with Cohn Construction to discuss Operations campus improvements. The Commission received a \$2M Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant for sewer improvements in Swansea. This grant is conditional upon JMWSC and the Town of Swansea entering into a long-term agreement. The Town of Swansea received a \$2M SRF Clean Water principal forgiveness loan for sewer improvements. This funding is also conditional on the Town

of Swansea and the Commission entering into a long-term agreement. The Town of Pelion received a \$1.4M in SRF principal forgiveness loan for water main improvements. The Commission received a \$2M Emerging Contaminants principal forgiveness loan to extend water along Lacy Springs and Cools Springs where residences wells have tested positive for PFAS contamination. The Commission also received a \$25 million SRF low interest loan for the Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Main Extension project.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item six (6) Executive Session regarding Swansea Operating Agreement, SC Ethics briefing, Economic Development and easement discussion. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Joseph Hardee seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Coming out of Executive Session the Chairman stated that the only motion made during Executive Session was the motion to come out of Executive Session.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item seven (7) possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to authorize staff to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Swansea as discuss during Executive Session. Ms. Hazel Livingston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) announcements. WEASC Capital District is having family night on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Blowfish stadium.

As there was no other business, Mr. Tem Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.