



**Richland County Council**  
Sewer Ad Hoc Committee  
**MINUTES**  
March 1, 2022 –3:00 PM  
2020 Hampton, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, Derrek Pugh, and Cheryl English

OTHERS PRESENT: Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wight, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Justin Landy, Tamar Black, Bill Davis, Ashiya Myers, Lori Thomas, John Thompson, Aric Jensen, Steven Gaither, Stacey Hamm and Dwight Hanna

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Bill Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

a. **Committee Meeting: December 7, 2021** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by English, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **Election of Chair** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. English, to nominate Mr. Malinowski for the position of Chair.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to close the nominations.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor of closing the nominations was unanimous.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor of elected Mr. Malinowski as Chair was unanimous.

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5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. Modification to ERCPSD Special Purpose District Boundary – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, stated staff recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the East Richland County Public Service District Boundary. This is a ministerial function that County Council has to perform. Council is the only entity that has the authority to move the boundaries, if you so choose. In order to comply with the 208 Plan, they are requesting to move the boundaries. This would not have a fiscal impact on the County.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the area reflected in Exhibit B is being served by Richland County Utilities.

Mr. Bill Davis, Utilities Director, responded it is not being served by anyone.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why the County has to pass something the law says is already in the East Richland County Public Service District.

Mr. Davis responded they could service it, but they will not get the millage. The millage has to be applied to those properties.

Ms. Malinowski inquired if the action will cause the overall County to put a millage on these properties, and the millage will be provided to the sewer district.

Mr. Davis responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Malinowski inquired who is serving Exhibit A.

Mr. Davis responded it is slated to be served Southwest Water, formerly known as Palmetto Utilities.

Mr. Malinowski inquired, since it is not in the East Richland County Public Service District, do we need to designate a service provider.

Mr. Davis responded the service provider will be designated by the Central Midlands Council of Governments as a subsequent change to the current document.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if this is another millage matter.

Mr. Davis responded it will be. East Richland County Public Service District will lose millage because they are not serving the property.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh; to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed modifications to East Richland County Public Service District's Special Purpose Boundary.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Richland County Properties Identified for Water Master Plan - TMS # R03215.01.14 and TMS# R01700-02-02 – Mr. Brown stated staff requests the committee, and ultimately County Council, place the two (2) properties on hold to remain in the County's possession for the potential future use of

water service.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the properties are already owned by Richland County and being held to ensure it will not be sold. The properties will potentially be used for future development's water infrastructure.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Ms. English inquired about the potential of water treatment, and if this will fit in the natural plan of water treatment.

Mr. Davis responded it will have to be decided based on Council's wishes. Before Council could direct them, there would have to be a master plan. He recommended the master plans be separated between the northwest and the southeast, as they are vastly different and the water sources would be different.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to forward to Council with a recommendation to place a hold on any sale or use of these properties until the Richland County Utilities' Water Master Plan is completed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Project Funded by Grants – Mr. Brown stated Utilities is requesting the ability to seek and apply for any funding sources that could be utilized to address the following:

1. Shady Grove Pump Station (PS) Rehabilitation;
2. 24" Forcemain (FM) Gadsden Elementary to Eastover Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
3. Eastover WWTP Upgrade
4. 10" FM from Rabbit Run to Garners Ferry Road
5. Stoney Point/Cedar Cove Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Seeking and applying for funds will make us more agile and less likely to miss out on funding opportunities. The approval of said funding would be brought back to Council.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Mr. Pugh, to forward to Council with a recommendation to allow staff to pursue the various project where a grant may cover all, or a portion, of the project cost over the next few years.

Mr. Pugh inquired about how the project were prioritized.

Mr. Brown responded the Shady Grove Pump Station and the Stoney Point/Cedar Cove Sewer both had overflow that could lead to issues with DHEC. The other priorities were wastewater treatment plants upgrading their capacity and putting them in the position to handle the flow they need to extend out to the community.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pugh moved, seconded by Ms. English to adjourn.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:16 PM.