

**COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Minutes of March 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

**In attendance:**

Gene P. Hancock	Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Vickie Gorham	Bill Patrick
Michael G. Monaghan	Ken Barnett	Jeff Meredith	Stacia May
Henry O. Watts	Jeff Auman	Jeff Chapman	Chris Lindley
	Carlos Cometto	Vicki Knott	Mark Warner
	Denise Ogletree	Richard Gentry	Chris Trainer
	Jerry Smith	George Petersen	

- I. Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Hancock gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.
- III. Business:
  - A. Manager Reeves presented an award from the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Occupational Safety Contest for 2009 in Division IV. He noted that CPW had placed second for utilities, and had placed first the previous year. Chairman Hancock added that \$1,000 went along with the award.
- IV. Other Business:
  1. Manager Reeves noted a request from the Festival of Flowers Committee for CPW to again sponsor the lion topiary during the Festival of Flowers at a cost of \$2,500. Chairman Hancock noted numerous positive comments on the topiaries from visitors and locals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Monaghan; the motion was unanimously approved.
  2. Manager Reeves referred to past discussion and preparations to bid a pump at the water treatment plant. He noted another project tied in with the upgrades at the water plant pertaining to an electrical meter that was included in the bond listing projects already approved by the Commissioners. He continued that they would now like to bid both projects as one in an effort

- to obtain some cost savings by combining the two. The Commissioners expressed their agreement to combine the two projects.
3. Mr. Mark Warner noted some new project activity over the past couple of weeks. He stated that one project would be visiting the County at the end of the month, and progression with another project is getting closer to being finalized.
  4. Mr. Gentry reported on completion of surveys for the upcoming CDBG grant. He added that the public hearing would be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in City Council chambers.
  5. Chairman Hancock explained that the Commissioners had recently toured a water bottling facility in Inman, SC. They buy their water elsewhere and use reverse osmosis to bottle water; there is a coin-operated kiosk outside the plant for people to buy five-or ten-gallon containers or individual bottles of water. He continued that the Commissioners are looking into the possibility of doing something similar; Commissioner Monaghan added that the objective would be to help stabilize rates. Manager Reeves noted that a survey is being prepared to take out to various groups to determine if there is any interest in the community. The bottles can be labeled for a particular group with their names or logos. Chairman Hancock stated that they are exploring all opportunities to sell water to new industries and other counties to help stabilize rates.
  6. Chairman Monaghan inquired about buying puts. Mr. Smith responded that in the circumstance where gas prices are dropping, you would want to be buying calls. Mr. Smith reported that they are looking at buying some collars right now. The forward prices have come down, volatility has come down, so option prices are less and are more attractive. That would be a better way to have protection than buying futures.

V. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Commissioner Monaghan to go into *Executive Session* for a contractual matter; the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting returned to open session. Mr. Patrick noted discussion during *Executive Session* on the consulting agreement with Kinghorn, Hilbert, and Associates. He stated that the Commissioners wanted to make a motion to

authorize the Manager to extend that consulting agreement on terms that the Manager can work out with the firm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Monaghan, seconded by Commissioner Watts, and unanimously approved.

VI. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Secretary