

**GREENWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Greenwood Metropolitan District Commission was held Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the Commission Room of Greenwood Metropolitan District’s Emmett F. Brooks Facility, 124 Metro Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646.

In Attendance:

Commissioner Tim Burke, Chairman	Jeff Chapman	Roy Hemphill
Commissioner Bob Haynie, Vice Chairman	Debbie Dennin	DJ Miller
Commissioner Byron W. Smith, Secretary	Brian Waldrep	Wayne Daniel
Commissioner Henry Watts	Marsha Meyer	Lori Napper
Commissioner Mike Monaghan	Tony Williamson	
Commissioner Art Bush		Marion Boone

I. Chairman Burke called the meeting to order and gave the statement of compliance with the notification provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Burke welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Commissioner Watts gave a word of prayer

III. QUORUM:
All Commissioners were in attendance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
March 24, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
Vice Chairman Haynie said line 67 & 70 had “Manger” instead of “Manager”.
Commissioner Bush made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction mentioned and Vice Chairman Haynie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. BUSINESS:
Award Bid Recommendation for the Automatic Tank Gauging & Leak Detection System.
General Manager Chapman said it is his recommendation to reject the two bids that were submitted, due to neither bid meeting the bid specifications. Chairman Burke asked what part of the bid specifications did they not meet. General Manager Chapman said it was requested in the bid specifications for the vendor to include in the pricing to tie the system into the SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) system. Neither vendor included that cost in their bids.

47 **VI. SERVICE REPORTS:**

48 Commissioner Watts said on page 13 (LPS Subdivision Report), Work Order # 46997 –
49 Brian Rhodes, 505 Swing About; “High liquid alarm, and asked if anyone could cut the
50 power off. Director Daniel said the panels are not locked and GMD has had the
51 homeowners to cut the power off just to get the alarm from sounding off. He was not
52 familiar with this call, but they are not locked.

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54 Commissioner Watts said there were a lot of private issues in the service lines and asked
55 if crew members spent a lot of time going out to check only to discover that it is on their
56 side of the line and it is not an issue for GMD to handle. Commissioner Watts asked how
57 GMD can educate the public on what you should and should not flush. General Manager
58 Chapman said GMD has included educational inserts, in the billing, that list what is
59 acceptable to flush. GMD has educational material that is also on our website.

60 Chairman Burke asked Director Daniel if he would characterize most of the private issues
61 to be root related, improper disposal or a mixture. Director Daniel said there are a lot of
62 issues where the plumber repairs issues up to the road, where they would repair or clean
63 out 70 to 80 percent of the service line. It is seldom where the plumber cleans or repairs
64 100 percent of the service line. GMD gets a lot of calls about those issues and GMD does
65 repair the ones under the road.

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67 Secretary Smith asked if the homeowner was receptive when it is explained that it is not
68 a GMD issue. Director Daniel said sometimes there are just feet from GMD’s line and
69 there are times when a plumber replaces a service line, but not the entire service line.

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71 Commissioner Watts asked if grease was a big problem. Director Daniel said we do see
72 that, but it is difficult to see from just one house. If the service line has a swag in it or lots
73 of roots the grease will catch on it. Grease is a problem for the homeowner and GMD.

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75 Vice Chairman Haynie said page on 18 (Service Request with Work order Inquiry), 110
76 Claussen Dr.; “Sewer back-up in service lateral. Checked GMD main line, private issue”,
77 and asked what the problem here was because it is a brand new house at Cottages at
78 Emerald Farm. Director Daniel said that area sat idle for many years and we put in a plug
79 to keep the water out. Somehow that plug got loose and caused a back-up. There was no
80 issue with their house, it was something that was not connected correctly. It was not our
81 issue, but it is straightened out.

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83 **VII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

84 General Manager Chapman said he and CFO Hornyak attended the Greenwood County
85 Council’s meeting yesterday for GMD’s tax levy request for outstanding general obligation
86 bonds.

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88 General Manager Chapman said he would also like the Commission to be aware of the
89 upcoming meetings, if the Commission recalled the discussion of one meeting in May and
90 that will be the 19th. The plan is 11:00am have the budget workshop and lunch and then
91 proceed with the Commission Meeting at 1:30pm.

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93 **IX. Executive Session**

94 **S.C. Code Ann., § 30-4-70(a)(2) – personnel matters and receipt of legal advice.**

95 Commissioner Bush made a motion to go into Executive Session for receipt of legal advice
96 and Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

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98 After the Executive Session, the meeting was re-opened to the public. Vice Chairman
99 Haynie made a motion to approve a 5% merit salary increase for the General Manager
100 retroactive to January 1, 2021. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. Motion passed
101 unanimously.

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104 The meeting was adjourned.

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Byron W. Smith, Secretary