

**GREENWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Greenwood Metropolitan District Commission was held Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the Commission Room of Greenwood Metropolitan District's Emmett F. Brooks Facility, 110 Metro Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646.

**In Attendance:**

Commissioner Bob Haynie, Vice-Chairman	Jeff Chapman	Lisa Hornyak
Commissioner Byron Smith, Secretary	Donna Rhodes	Marsha Meyer
Commissioner Art Bush	Tony Williamson	Kevin Anderson
Commissioner Henry Watts	DJ Miller	Robby White
Commissioner Stephen Gilbert (via Zoom)	Stephen Norman	
	Roy Hemphill	

**I.** Vice-Chairman Haynie called the meeting to order and gave the statement of compliance with the notification provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

**II. QUORUM**  
Five Commissioners were in attendance. There was a quorum.

**III. WELCOME VISITORS**  
Vice-Chairman Haynie welcomed everyone in attendance. Commissioner Watts gave a word of prayer.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
December 13, 2023, Minutes – Commissioner Bush made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**V. BUSINESS**

A. Resolution to Greenwood County Council to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$11,750,000

Vice-Chairman Haynie presented a resolution to petition Greenwood County Council to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$11,750,000, for capital improvements. Secretary Smith made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bush seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

B. Resolution confirming District's intention to be reimbursed expenses related to capital projects to be financed by general obligation bonds

Vice-Chairman Haynie presented a resolution confirming the intention of Greenwood Metropolitan District to be reimbursed for certain expenditures related to capital projects to be financed by the issuance of general obligation bonds, not exceeding \$11,750,000. Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve the resolution. Secretary Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve the resolution was unanimously approved.

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Vice-Chairman Haynie asked when the bonds would go to market. CFO Hornyak anticipates a May closing date.

C. Amend procurement policy

General Manager Chapman requested approval to amend the Procurement Policy as proposed. Commissioner Bush noted the variance from the proposed Right to Protest wording, compared to current policy. Mr. Hemphill noted the current policy specifies the General Manager as the first line of protest, with a bidder having the right to further appeal to the Commission. The proposed amended policy would stop any protest at the General Manager level. Commissioner Gilbert asked what the advantage would be of stopping a protest with the General Manager. Mr. Hemphill stated a shorter appeal process would not hold up progress for a project or upgrade moving forward while awaiting review of the protest by the Commission. Commissioner Bush made a motion to approve amending the Procurement Policy as requested. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VI. SERVICE REPORTS**

Commissioner Watts inquired about the amount of time required to respond to calls regarding sewer lateral blockages. Director White stated our goal is to respond to the call within 30 minutes, with it typically requiring 60 to 90 minutes to determine the cause of the blockage. Commissioner Watts suggested we consider sending flyers to customers again as a reminder to not pour grease down sinks or place non-flushable in toilets. General Manager Chapman stated we can coordinate with Greenwood CPW to send reminders in customer bills.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

General Manager Chapman acknowledged Commissioner Bush's 10 years of service to the District and its customers, as well as Vice-Chairman Haynie's 20 years of service to the District and its customers.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code Ann., § 30-4-70(a) (1 & 2) - Discussion of personnel issues regulated by a public body and receipt of legal advice**

Secretary Smith made a motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel matter and receipt of legal advice. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IX.** Following Executive Session, the regular meeting resumed and no further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

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Byron W. Smith, Secretary