

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 7 p.m. on January 25, 2010, in the conference room of the District offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Donald Hollingsworth, Chair, who presided; Inez BrownCrouch, Eugene Platt, Karen Clark Thompson, June Waring, Rod Welch and Gene Woodall.

Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Assistant; Susan Gladden, Deputy Manager/CFO and David Hoffman, Wastewater Superintendent.

Mr. Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Bill Youngblood (Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy), led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. Oral and Written Petitions
 - A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, asked what was going on with the pouring of cement at the Schooner Road project. Mr. Hoffman explained that a flowable fill product was being used.
 - B. Mr. Hollingsworth recognized former Commission Chair Ruth Glover and former Firefighter Richard Hunt in the audience.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Ms. Waring moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting of January 11, 2010, seconded by Mr. Platt. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. **Ms. BrownCrouch moved to approve the minutes of the Wastewater Committee meeting of January 20, 2010, seconded by Mr. Welch. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Resolution No. 10-01 Commending Commissioner Rod Welch
 - A. **Mr. Platt moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-01 (attached) commending Commissioner Rod Welch for his act of kindness and generosity shown towards the family of mob beating victim Troy Knapp. Ms. BrownCrouch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
6. District Management Report
 - A. Mr. Wise invited the Commission to attend a District retirement function on behalf of Willie Hardee, Fire Department Dispatcher, who is retiring after 28 years of service. The event will be held this Thursday in the training room of Station 1.
 - B. Mr. Wise reported that overtime is under control in all departments.
 - C. Mr. Wise reported that the gallons transported for December 2009 should read 94,866,000.

7. Committee Reports

- A. Mr. Welch reported that the Wastewater Committee met today at 6 p.m. to discuss the Use and Rate Ordinance. **Mr. Welch moved to approve the 1st reading of the Use and Rate Ordinance No. 2010-001, seconded by Mr. Woodall.** Discussion followed. **The motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Mr. Hollingsworth	Aye	
Mr. Platt	Aye	
Ms. Clark Thompson		Nay
Ms. Waring		Nay
Mr. Welch	Aye	
Mr. Woodall	Aye	

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business

- A. Mr. Platt asked the Commission how they felt about supporting a resolution regarding McLeod Plantation. Discussion followed. Mr. Platt stated that he would prepare a draft resolution before the next meeting.
- B. Ms. Waring asked that the minutes reflect that she did not vote aye or nay for agenda item #5, Resolution No. 10-01 commending Commissioner Rod Welch.

10. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles

- A. Mr. Hollingsworth mentioned the 2010 census road tour included in the packets.
- B. Ms. Waring stated that her request for a brief executive session was for contractual agreement matters. Mr. Hollingsworth concurred.

11. Oral and Written Petitions – none.

12. Executive Session

- A. The Commission (may) (will) enter into an executive session in accordance with § 30-4-70 (a) and (b), Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, for discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. **Ms. Waring moved to enter into a brief executive session, seconded by Ms. Clark Thompson.** Mr. Hollingsworth requested a roll call vote on the motion. **The motion was defeated 4 to 3 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch		Nay
Mr. Hollingsworth		Nay
Mr. Platt	Aye	
Ms. Clark Thompson	Aye	
Ms. Waring	Aye	
Mr. Welch		Nay
Mr. Woodall		Nay

Ms. Waring stated the she will again propose the motion to avoid getting into a position where the Commission talked about a matter that should have been discussed in an executive session and resulted in a lawsuit. Discussion followed. **Mr. Welch agreed to change his aforementioned vote so that the Commission could enter into an executive session.**

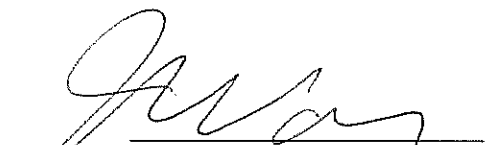
- B. The Commission entered into executive session at 7:27 p.m.
- C. The Commission returned to regular session at 7:44 p.m. No action was taken.

13. **Mr. Welch moved for the Commission to continue to use Mr. Kernodle as its Parliamentary Attorney but return to its longstanding practice of allowing the District Manager to have the discretion to use the Attorney that he thinks best manages the situation for other purposes, seconded by Mr. Woodall.** Mr. Platt offered to amend that Mr. Welch delete the second part of his motion and Mr. Welch declined the offer. Discussion followed. **Mr. Welch withdrew his previous motion. Mr. Welch moved for the Commission to return to its longstanding practice of giving the District Manager the ability to hire an Attorney that matches the needs of the District, seconded by Mr. Woodall.** Discussion followed. Mr. Hollingsworth read Rule 6 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure defining its Parliamentary. Further discussion followed the discussion. **The motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

Ms. BrownCrouch	Aye	
Mr. Hollingsworth	Aye	
Mr. Platt	Aye	
Ms. Clark Thompson		Nay
Ms. Waring		Nay
Mr. Welch	Aye	
Mr. Woodall	Aye	

14. **Ms. Waring moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Welch. The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



June Waring
Secretary

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-01 BY THE JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE
DISTRICT COMMISSION COMMENDING COMMISSIONER ROD WELCH
FOR HIS ACT OF KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY SHOWN TOWARDS THE
FAMILY OF MOB BEATING VICTIM TROY KNAPP**

Adopted: January 25, 2010

WHEREAS the James Island Public Service District Commission learned about the story of Troy Knapp who was a victim of a 1999 mob beating that left him unable to walk and mostly paralyzed; and,

WHEREAS Troy Knapp was bedridden until he died on November 6, 2009; and,

WHEREAS Commissioner Rod Welch made a generous donation of \$5,000 towards the funeral costs and extra help for the family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the James Island Public Service District Commission hereby honors Commissioner Rod Welch for his sincere generosity towards the family of Troy Knapp.

IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this 25th day of January, 2010.

(SEAL)



Secretary, JIPSD Commission



Chair, JIPSD Commission