

## Utilities Commission Meeting 26 July 2021

**Participants** Chairman Jack Holcomb, Vice Chair Buddy Davenport, Secy. - Treas. Lillian Conrad, Asst. Secy.-Treas. Richard Hawes, Commissioner James Smith, Counsel Thomas Cloud and CEO/GM Joe Bunch.

**Safety Message** Portable generators can be very dangerous. Do not place them within 5 feet of windows/doors, avoid operation in the rain, and turn off when not in use. DO NOT "back feed" power when operating. It can send power back into the feeder lines and harm utility workers.

### Approval of Consent Items All unanimously approved

- **Ratification of Award** Lift Station 5 Reconstruction plus Alt. 2 for Misc. Sewer Improvements and Alt. 3 for Lift Station #73 projects.
- **Wellfield Rehabilitation** NSB has 23 wells that will be "accessed" over the next 3-5 years. Each well is tested monthly for flow, etc. The rehabilitation process requires photo examination of each well's health (integrity of the hole, evidence of calcium deposits, etc.). There are no FL or Federal standards for how often a well should be assessed
- **Ratification of Award** Barracuda Bridge Utility Replacement and increase in its budget.
- **Bid Award** Transmission Right-of-Way Vegetation Management (the cyclical clearing for transmission line safety)

### General Manager's Report

- ✚ **Financial Status:** June 2021 FYTD reflects a change in net assets of \$1.6M which was due to last year's 2-month fuel charge suspension due to COVID-19.
- ✚ **Balanced Scorecard and Enterprise Metrics:** Safety Risk for month is green as no June OSHA incidents. Defensive Driving training being instituted in July & August and a Vehicle Backing Safety Rule Book is being developed due to 9 YTD Preventable Motor Vehicle Accidents. Electric feeder line 16 resulted in over 3,000 customer interruptions. Water Resources Customer Service metrics were green. Nearly 98% of Account Receivables offered the best performance in the last 12 months.
- ✚ **Introduction of 2 new employees:** Director of Electric Operations - Vernon Steele & Director of Strategic Programs - John McMurray.

**Commission Counsel's Report** the Williamson Blvd. extension will be finalized next month.

### New Business: FY2022 Healthcare Insurance Renewals -Unanimously approved

Dental will have a 4% renewal increase, Major Medical will have an overall increase of 15%, and will cost employees an average increase of \$50 per month before taxes. The carrier has paid out 26% over received premiums in past 12 months. Increase effective 10/1/2021.

**Time for Commissioners:** Buddy Davenport was complimentary of the recent conference that he and fellow Commissioner James Smith attended for FL Utilities. Mr. Smith suggested that now is the time to work with State, County, City and others re: charging stations for electric vehicles as they appear to have a very high future demand. Chair Jack Holcomb and CEO/GM Joe Bunch indicated that the infrastructure & support is not there yet but agreed that Commissioner Smith's suggestion was excellent. At present, 80% of electric vehicles owners charge their vehicles at home and not at charging stations.