

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

11:00 AM, April 23, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

In attendance:

Commission members in person: NA

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Ashley Nelson Mark Hawn - Chair

Robert Crenshaw Gary Cooper (joined a few minutes after 11:00)

Reed Tiller Harris Chewning

Commission members not in attendance: NA

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission (via Teams)

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission (via Teams)

Members of the Press present: NA

NOTE: The meeting was live streamed.

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Crenshaw and seconded by Chewning to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Commission then began the review of four of the projects that were submitted.

The first presenter was Mr. Will Cook, Director of Rural Community Water District. Mr. Cook discussed the two projects submitted by RCWD in detail. They were:

P15-RCWD Water Tank

P16-RCWD David Ray Rd Water Main

Mr. Cook began by explaining the need for the water tank project, the improvements to service delivery and fire hydrant pressures it would provide and the future need for the tank that is anticipated due to growth in the RCWD service area. Specifically in the northern area of the District.

Mr. Cook then went on to provide information on the water main project, including much of the same reasons as the need for the water tank. He did state that the two projects can be done independent of each other and he stated that the RCWD's top priority is the water tank.

The Commission then heard from Mr. James Taylor, Airport Manager for the Georgetown County Airport. Mr. Taylor discussed P22 – Airport Water and Sewer. He gave insight into the need of the project to help spur economic develop at the airport as indicated in a master plan developed for the County. Mr. Taylor informed the Commission that there is significant interest in the County airport due to the location between Charleston and Myrtle Beach and that our airport is the only one on the coast of SC with available land for aviation related facilities.

The Commission next heard a presentation from Mr. Brian Piascik from Waccamaw Regional Transit Authority on P34 – RTA Passenger Facility. Mr. Piascik informed the Commission of the need of the project to provide a shelter with restroom for passenger in the Georgetown transfer area. He also noted that the funding request of \$600k would be to match grant funds for a project total of \$3MM.

None of the projects were given an initial score at the meeting.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- April 25, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Branch Library

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:04 pm without a motion due to lack of quorum. Most Commission members had exited the virtual meeting before a motion could be made.