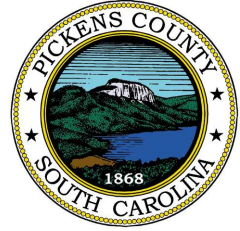


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Minutes from the 8-25-2025 PCPSC Board Meeting

Board Members present: Tate, Osbourne, Farrish, Saitta, Dennis, Kern

PSC employees present: Dickey, Spann

The minutes have been condensed and paraphrased at times of discussions.

The Chairman called the meeting order at 4:00. The Director explained that due to a technical error, the minutes from the last meeting had been erased before he got a chance to type them up. Chairman asked for the Director's Report. When Dickey explained that the county was not going to pay for the extra rock removal at the Big Dog Site Tate asked, are they going to go in the hole on this project? He said just out of curiosity I guess you have no way of knowing. Dickey said I don't know a lot about the business of it but eating \$178,000 worth of rock removal I'd say is going to eat up a lot of their profits. When Dickey explained that the county did not expect any flow in the Big Dog sewer line for at least a year to 18 months Tate said is this where the commercial mulch place is? Dickey explained that the New Commerce park was located across the street from the mulch place on the corner of Ruhammah and Chastaine Road. Dickey said that Edgewood Farms wants to pay into the Depreciation Reimbursement Renewal fund in one lump sum instead of 5 yearly payments. Tate asked is that the one you showed us a picture of on the right side of 123 going from Clemson to Easley just past the Industrial Park right? Dickey said no this one is on Highway 93 between Liberty and Easley across from Unite tool and molding. Dickey said we have \$3,654,000 in unrestricted money in a special account of our budget. Osborn asked where is this? Dickey said down at the bottom of the page. Tate said ok ok I see it. Osborn said ah yes. Dickey explained that in replacing the Stockade WWTP, the concentration of waste from the animal shelter would be very high but adding Vehicle Maintenance and Building Maintenance would dilute the strength some. Tate said so the more people you get the better it is for the process. Dickey said yes. He said it will be up to County Council to decide if they want to add more capacity than we need for possible future growth. Saitta said yes and doing it now is so much more cost effective then coming in 10 years from now and doing it. Dickey said yes everything always goes up and never goes down. Dickey explained that

the gasket on the Disk Filter at the Roper Plant and the bearings needed to be replaced. Tate said it like losing oil off the pan of your engine. Tate asked if this was the Roper Plant? Dickey said yes. Saitta said this is like when the Disk slides over it leaves an open port for whatever to pour in and contaminate the effluent. Dickey said that the other issue that Cove looked at out there at Roper was the Aeration Basin. Dickey said when they modified the plant in 2007, they just used the old lagoon as an aeration basin so they just poured concrete all over the bottom without smoothing it so there is a lot of uneven mixing going on. Tate said sounds like redneck engineering. Dickey said the engineers called it a band aid. Dickey explained that Mr. Solomon had not been to a PSC board meeting since January and that another individual named Dr. Berget had put in an application to be on the board. Tate asked what district did Solomon represent and when is his term up? Dickey said he was appointed in 2024 so his term should be up in 2028. Tate asked when is my term up, its not this January is it? Tate said he filled out the form in 2021. Farrish said you have until 2026 oh wait this is an old list. Dickey said when they appointed Kary and Jason they did not line up their terms with the districts of County Council members but they did line them up with their terms. Tate said the only reason I ask is in my last conversation with Alex he was talking about it he wants to get the districts lined up with council members that represent the districts. He said I think Mark was brought in to represent the Pickens district when he is from Easley. He said Alex would like someone from Pickens to represent the Pickens District. Osborn said I thought we came on together. Tate said he remembers flipping a house in 2021 and Alex came to where I was working and got me to sign the thing in the fall of 2021 so that would put me starting in 2022. Saitta said your expiration is listed as 2026. Dickey said to get all of the vacancies filled they had to kind of cut and paste. Tate said the only reason he brought it up is he doesn't know what district Randy represents so it I think the preference would be if we could find somebody in that district but I understand it has always been hard to get people. Dickey said I feel like it has been a luxury to have so many members because Mark can tell you that for many meeting is was Cameron, Eric, and Mark and that was it. Dickey asked Kern if he lived in Clemson. Kern said he lived in Central but he felt like he represented the Clemson District. Farrish said Solomon was representing the Liberty District. He said when he and Eric's term ended it was the same time but Eric did not sign up again but I said I would. He said the list says he will be done at the end of this year but he just filled out the paperwork this year for another term. Tate said he knew a guy that was on the planning commission and he thought he would be automatically reupped and he did not do any paperwork and he got cut. Dickey said that he just found the list that lines up with what Megan the clerk to council has. Farrish said I'm still getting ready to expire. Saitta said your term starts on January 1 so your term should end on January 1. Dennis said look at mine it doesn't have an expiration. Farrish said you are a permanent member. You can never get out. Dickey said Randy was representing Liberty and that would be 4 years which would be 2028. He said

ideally we would get someone from Liberty. Farriah said so are we thinking about a motion to remove Randy because he hasn't shown up in a while? Dickey said I just mentioned it because we had another applicant. Farrish said that sounds fair. Tate said I don't know what the rules are for replacing somebody. Farrish said we serve at the will of Council so it would be a recommendation to council to remove him. Farrish said we can't add anybody until we have room. Tate said you are absolutely right. Osborn said he came into the first meeting and then he came in late to the next meeting. Tate said is he the guy who is in real estate? Dickey said yes he came to 2 meetings the last being in January. Dickey said after that one big meeting about expanding the IGA it has all be kind of boring. Farrish said so I make a motion that we recommend removing the representative from Liberty because he is not coming to meetings. Tate said I second and then he said all in favor? Everyone raised there hand. Farrish said now Council can decide what to do with that seat. Saitta said we are all going to have a conflict where we need to miss a meeting. Dickey said yes that is fine. Saitta said and now if one is missing we can still have a quorum so no big deal. Dickey said that's all I got for you so I do want to tell you that Mr. Queener wants to meet with me to talk about flow inventories so I will do that. Tate said I make Motion to adjourn. Farrish seconded all voted in favor.

PSC Director

Date

PSC Board Chairman

Date