

GRAND STRAND WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023

	#MEETINGS (Since 7/1/23)	#ATTENDED (Since 7/1/23)	% ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT:			
Sidney F. Thompson, Chairman	4	4	100%
Benjy A. Hardee, Vice Chairman	4	4	100%
Arnold T. Johnson, Secretary	4	4	100%
Wilbur M. James, Member	4	4	100%
Richard Singleton II, Member	4	4	100%
Mark K. Lazarus, Member	4	4	100%
L. Morgan Martin, Member	4	4	100%
Radha B. Herring, Member	4	4	100%

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA TELECONFERENCE:			
J. Liston Wells, Member	4	4	100%

STAFF PRESENT:
Christy Everett, Chief Executive Officer

LEGAL COUNSEL:
Alicia Thompson, Burr & Forman, LLP
Rik Tozzi, Burr & Forman, LLP

VISITORS:
John B. White, John B. White, Jr., P.A.
Maghretta Shisko, John B. White, Jr., P.A.
Preston Brittain, The Brittain Law Firm
James Brogdon, Whetstone, Perkins, Fulda
Jerome Tapley, Cory Watson, P.C.
Ryan Lutz, Cory Watson, P.C.
Paul Calamita, AquaLaw
Will Lewis, Richardson Thomas
Terry Richardson, Richardson Thomas

VISITORS ATTENDING VIA TELECONFERENCE:
Clay Duffie

Copies of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda were mailed to the local media.

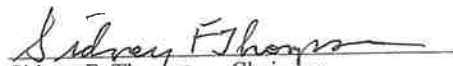
Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Board went into executive session for the discussion of legal and contractual matters.

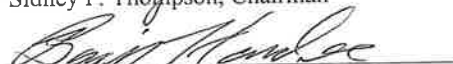
Upon motion duly made by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Singleton, the Board exited executive session.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Hardee, the Board voted to opt out of the class action settlements in Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-02873-RMG, Settlement Agreements between Public Water Systems and 3M Company and EIDP, Inc. and related entities ("Class Action Settlements").

Upon motion duly made by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Singleton, the Board voted to engage John B. White & Associates, Cory Watson, Whetstone, Perkins, & Fulda, The Rankin Law Firm, and the Brittain Law Firm to assist with opting out of the Class Action Settlements and pursuing a lawsuit against defendants responsible for PFOS and PFOA in drinking water in exchange for a 30% contingency fee, conditioned upon outside counsel's fees being reimbursed from the 30% contingency fee.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Sidney F. Thompson, Chairman


Benjy A. Hardee, Vice Chairman


Arnold T. Johnson, Secretary

Approved via teleconference
J. Liston Wells, Member


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