Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Electronic Meeting Via Zoom 9:30 a.m.

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### AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
  - Confirmation of the presence of a quorum
  - Confirmation of public meeting notice, as required by the SC Code of Laws 30-4-80(A).
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes
  - September 2021 Regular Meeting
  - September 28, 2021 Special Meeting
- 4. Reports
  - Manager's Report for September 2021

June 30, 2021 Unaudited Financial Statements

- Fire Department Report for September 2021
- Other
- Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Questions and Comments from Visitors
  - FIPOA Representative
- 8. Executive Session
  - Legal Matters Pertaining to an Interim Workplace Covid-19 Policy
  - Contractual Matters Pertaining to a Cost of Service & Rate Study
- 9. Upon returning to public session, the Commission may take such action(s) as it deems appropriate on the items discussed in executive session.
- 10. Adjourn

Minutes:

Commission Meeting on October 12, 2021 – electronically via ZOOM

Present:

Dan H. McCormick, Rick E. Keup, Dennis Perrone, John F. King, Edward D.

Wetzel, Michael J. Wilt

Absent:

Staff:

Angie Hughes, District Manager; Joshua Horton, Fire Chief; Yvonne Fireall,

Office Manager

### Guests:

- 1. Chairman McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., confirmed the presence of a quorum and confirmed that all requirements of the SC Code of Laws, Section 30-4-80, pertaining to the notice of meetings of public bodies, have been met for this meeting.
- 2. Chairman McCormick led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. The Commission approved the minutes for the September regular Commission meeting, upon a motion by Mr. Wilt (Vote: unanimous) and September 28, 2021 Special Commission Meeting, upon a motion by Mr. Keup (Vote: unanimous).
- 4. Reports
- a) The Commission reviewed the Manager's Report for September 2021 and the June 30, 2021 unaudited financial statements and directed the District Manager to obtain quotes for complete upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant PLCs and software. (Att A)
  - b) The Commission reviewed the Fire Department Report for September 2021. (Att B)
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. The Commission entertained questions and comments from visitors.
- 8. The Commission entered executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to an interim workplace covid-19 policy and contractual matters pertaining to a cost of service & rate study at 10:34 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. Keup. (Vote: unanimous). The Commission resumed open session at 10:55 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. King (Vote: unanimous).
- 9. The Commission adopted an Interim Workplace Covid-19 Policy, upon a motion by Mr. Keup (Vote 5:1). (Att C)
- 10. The Commission approved an incentive of \$250.00 for full-time employees and \$100.00 for part-time employees who can provide proof, by December 31, 2021, that they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as defined by the CDC, upon a motion by Mr. Wetzel (Vote 5:1).
- 11. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. Keup (Vote: Unanimous).

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Dan H. McCormick Chairman

Angel L. Hughes Secretary

# FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT FOR SEPT 2021

### I. Tap-Ins

	FY:	2022	FY	2021	FY	2020
Category	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD	Sept	YTD
Water customers	3	6	-	_	-	_
Sewer customers						
a. Gravity	3	5	-	_		7. <b>-</b>
b. Vacuum	-	1	_	_	_	6 <b>-</b>

Total vacuum sewer customers: 580 of 726

### II. Routine Operations

1. Butcher's Island and Hunting Island Booster Pumps Average Daily Run Time for Sept

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Diff</u>	2020	<u>Diff</u>	2019	Diff	2018
Butcher's Isl Pumps Hrs/Day	6.0	(0.2)	6.2	2.9	3.3	(1.2)	4.5
Hunting Isl Pumps Hrs/Day	<u>11.9</u>	(0.5)	12.4	6.0	6.4	(2.7)	9.1
Total Hrs/Day	17.9	(0.7)	18.6	8.9	9.7	(3.9)	13.6

2. Fripp Island Master Metered Water Use for Sept, Average Gallons per Day

	<u>2021</u>	% Change	<u>2020</u>	% Change	2019	% Change	2018
BJW&SA	638,893	(3.1)	659,000	24.7	528,563	(10.9)	593,393
Harbor Island	88,668	(4.4)	92,794	(1.7)	94,428	(11.4)	106,561
Hunt Island	10,311	5.3	9,794	(2.6)	10,059	(23.2)	13,104
Fripp Island	532,286	(1.5)	540,125	23.2	438,500	(8.1)	477,143
Accountability,%	98.8	N/A	97.5	N/A	102.7	N/A	100.6
Rainfall, Inches	8.8		10.9		5.3		1.2

3. Fripp Island Water Consumption – Recorded vs. Billed (in 1,000 gals.)

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	Annual	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	Qtr 4
	<b>Total</b>	2021	2021	2021	2020
Fripp Master Meter	171,708	59,221	50,892	25,381	36,214
Billed Water	157,219	53,521	46,755	23,178	33,765
Total Unbilled Water	14,489	5,700	4,137	2,203	2,449
Unbilled Water Percent	8%	10%	8%	9%	7%
Flushing/Unbilled Accts	1,653	668	<u>376</u>	204	404
Unaccounted for Water	12,836	5,032	3,760	1,999	2,046
Unaccounted for Percent	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%

4. The water tank levels and water line pressures were normal for Sept.

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Flow for Sept, Gallons per Day

	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019	% Change	2018
Average Daily Flow	254,539	(8.3)	277,586	40.4	197,751	22.5	161,492
Weekly Max Flow	284,000	(2.1)	290,000	25.5	231,000	0.9	229,000
Peak Daily Flow	555,221	19.2	465,909	20.4	386,847	10.8	349,270

Peak daily flow of 555,221 occurred on Tues., 9/21/21, with 0.9" of rain and following two days of heavy rain. For Sept. 2020, peak daily flow occurred on Mon., 9/07/20 (Labor Day), without rain. For Sept. 2019, peak daily flow occurred on Fri., 9/06/19, without rain, following restart of the sewer system after returning to the island from evacuation for Hurricane Dorian. For Sept. 2018, peak daily flow occurred on Sun., 9/02/18 (Labor Day Weekend), without rain.

6. The water system and wastewater treatment plant samples were satisfactory for Sept.

### III. Emergencies, Special Field Work and Activities

### 1. Water System

- a) Except for a few areas in the upstate, all counties in South Carolina remained under the status "Drought-free" throughout September.
- b) District field operators performed miscellaneous water system maintenance consisting of water taps, meter installations, and repairing leaking water lines and services during the month of September.
- c) On September 22, the 200k gallon tank at the front of the island was drained in preparation for repairs to a vent and hatch door and interior wet surface repainting. The tank will be washed out, disinfected and water samples taken during the second week in October. It should be back online by mid-October.

### 2. Wastewater System

- a) On September 14 and 16, operators performed recovery cleans on trains 2 and 3 at the wastewater treatment plant.
- b) On September 21, a technician from MR Systems visited the treatment plant to review the PLCs and software to assist in determining what needs to be replaced before the PCs running the plant can be upgraded to meet the security recommendations of the District's IT support group.
- 3. Hunting Island Booster Pump Station Rehab The easement application was submitted to the SCPRT on September 27 and will be forwarded to the SC Department of Administration for approval. Tentative revised project schedule appears below:

Purchase Order for Pump Station
Advertise for Bids
October 12
October 13
Bid Opening
November 3
Commission Approval of Construction Contract
November 9

Notice of Intent to Award

Contract Award November 24

Construction November 29-March 31
Pump Station Manufacture October 29-March 4
Project Close-out March 31-April 14

4. Cost of Service & Rate Study – Frank Davis (Confluence Consulting) provided a preliminary data request on September 17<sup>th</sup> and District staff began compiling the information immediately. Contract negotiation was completed on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The project schedule appears below:

Commission Review of ContractOctober 12, 2021Notice to ProceedOctober 15, 2021Kickoff Meeting w/staffOctober 20, 2021Complete Study (90 days)January 14, 2022Presentation to CommissionFebruary 8, 2022

5. Fripp Inlet Bridge – Peek Pavement Markings completed the lane striping on the bridge on September 17<sup>th</sup>. By the end of the month, it appeared that one reflector had become detached from the pavement. The contractor was asked to follow up and reinstall the reflector and make sure the remaining reflectors were properly attached.

- 6. Cybersecurity & IT Support
  - a) The District's main accounting software and databases must be moved to an upgraded Windows 10 computer before the Windows 7 computers can be removed from service. This process must be coordinated with our software vendor to prevent loss of use and data. One computer at the WWTP has been upgraded to Windows 10, but Suez (previously GE Zenon) has informed the District that the software that runs the PLCs is not compatible with Windows 10 and in order to upgrade the software, the firmware on the PLCs must be updated. Additionally, the SCADA software is incompatible with Windows 10 and must be upgraded. Quotes for the necessary software upgrades have been requested. MR Systems, the company that installed the PLCs in 2015, has recommended replacement of all the PLC hardware because all are at "end of life". Quotes for these replacements have also been requested, but the cost will exceed the approved budget and may need Commission approval. The recommendations made by Cyber Risk Analysis Group should be implemented by the end of the year as long as the hardware/firmware/software upgrades can be completed within that time frame.
  - b) Cyber Liability Insurance the first insurance agency asked to provide quotes stated that the carriers it approached declined to quote a policy for the District because the utility industry is considered high risk at this time. Management is working to complete another application for submission to a local insurance agency.
- 7. America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 requires that community water systems create a Risk & Resilience Assessment and certify it to the EPA by June 30, 2021 and update their Emergency Response Plan and certify it to the EPA within six months after the RRA certification. The District certified the RRA on June 28, 2021 and will be required to certify the updated Emergency Response Plan by December 28, 2021.

FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
Statement of Revenues & Expenses
Water & Wastewater Operations

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Variance Comments
Operating revenues				
Water operations	1,085,401	1,083,320	2,081	New taps
Water Tank Leases	293,601	293,600	1	
Wastewater operations	750,888	739,520	11,368	New taps
Total operating revenues	2,129,890	2,116,440	13,450	
Cost of sales	(536,631)	(535,940)	(691)	
Gross profit from operations	1,593,259	1,580,500	12,759	
Operating expenses				
General & administrative	603,791	610,730	6.020	0-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-
Water system expenses	118,534	83,310	6,939	Salaries, legal & IT support
Wastewater expenses	335,103	351,530	(35,224)	
Total operating expenses	1,057,428	1,045,570	16,427 (11,858)	Bldg & grds, wwtp & pumping system
rotal operating expenses	1,007,420	1,043,370	(11,050)	
Earnings (loss) from operations	535,831	534,930	901	
Nonoperating income (expenses)				
Interest earned	76,762	74,670	2,092	
Taxes & assessments collected	981,643	977,390	4,253	
Capital & Unrealized Inv Gain (Loss)	(73,674)	-	(73,674)	unrealized investment losses
Interfund Transfers (Out)	(506,772)	(510,300)	3,528	reallocated surplus to FD
Bond interest & expenses	(165, 360)	(165,370)	10	The second secon
Net nonoperating income (expenses)	312,599	376,390	(63,791)	
Earnings (loss) before depreciation	848,430	911,320	(62,890)	
Depreciation/Loss on disposal	607,571	606,450	(1,121)	
Net earnings (loss)	240,859	304,870	(64,011)	
Cash available on July 1, 2020			7,133,948	
Earnings (loss) before depreciation & de	ebt amortization		848,430	
Changes in assets & liabilities (Increase) decrease in accounts rece	siv <b>a</b> bla		(4.007)	
(Increase) decrease in inventory	eivable		(1,097)	
			(3,956)	
(Increase) decrease in prepaid exper			6,029	
(Decrease) increase in accounts pay (Decrease) increase unrealized gains			(45,839)	
Net cash provided (used)	•		(44.000)	
Net cash provided (used)			(44,863)	
Cash flow from capital & financing activity Asset additions/deletions & construct	ion in progress		(73,281)	
Principal payments on bonds & defer	red debt		(810,329)	GO bonds (WWTP & WL) & Rev bond
Bond proceeds & contributed capital Net cash provided (used)			(883,610)	
Cash available on June 30, 2021			7,053,905	Change
Available cash includes following balance	e sheet accounts	<b>3</b> :	Beginning	Change Ending Pos. (Neg.)
Cash (gross revenue, petty cash & co			2,965,219	
Due from Beaufort County Treasurer		semente)	361,927	
Investments & restricted cash (Sewe			3,806,802	374,195 12,268
Total	constituita, DS,	iiivest.)		3,624,129 (182,673)
Otal			7,133,948	7,053,906 (80,042)

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Statement of Revenues & Expenses Fire Department & Erosion Operations

_	Fire Department Fund			Erosion & Bridge Operations Fund		
	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues						
Taxes & penalties	573,968	560,460	13,508	174,452	176,402	(1,950)
Assessments, donations & FIPOA	7,750	3,600	4,150	-		=
Utility attachment fees	:-	-		18,035	18,035	<b>₩</b> 32
Interest, cap gain (loss) & miscellaneous _	513,213	510,300		4,970	6,800	(1,830)
Total Revenues	1,094,931	1,074,360	20,571	197,457	201,237	(3,780)
Expenditures						
Employee expenses	460,567	473,490	12,923	-	<u>-</u>	-
General & Administrative	91,984	90,930	(1,054)	169,738	171,710	1,972
Operations	22,112	32,350	10,238	7,497	7,750	253
Total Operating Expenses Bond Interest & expenses	574,663 -	596,770	22,107	177,235	179,460	2,225
Capital outlay	509,378	510,300	922			_
Total Expenditures	1,084,041	1,107,070	23,029	177,235	179,460	2,225
Revenues over (under) expenditures	10,890	(32,710)	43,600	20,222	21,777	(1,555)
Cash available July 1, 2020	491,691	472,413	19,278	710,419	701,745	8,674
Revenues over (under) expenditures	10,890	(32,710)	43,600	20,222	21,777	(1,555)
Increase (decrease) payables & transfers	155,953		155,953	290	5,124	(4,834)
Cash available June 30, 2021	658,534	439,703	218,831	730,931	728,646	2,285

### **CAPITAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**

_	Bridge	Revetment	Totals
Cash available July 1, 2020	279,092	92,497	371,589
Revenues (bank interest/FEMA funds)	25	-	25
Less admin exp (bank chgs)	(38)		(38)
Less operations fund reimbursements	-	-0	
Less bond-related expenses (P&I, misc)	-		- Jr -
Less capital outlay	(11,396)	<u> </u>	(11,396)
Cash available June 30, 2021	267,683	92,497	360,180

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Statement of Revenues & Expenses Debt Service Fund

			Variance Favorable	
	Actual	Budget	(Unfavorable)	Comments
Revenues				
Tax levies-wwtp, waterline, bridge, revetment	660,362	647,000	13,362	
Service assessments	-	-	-	
Interest, penalties & misc	10,511	-	10,511	pen & interest
Total Revenues	670,874	647,000	23,874	
Expenditures				
Interfund Transfers (wwtp & wtrline GO bond P&I)	610,394	612,000	1,606	
Governmental bonds (revtmt & bridge P&I)	224,149	225,000	851	
Bond payment fees	-	-		
Total Expenditures	834,543	837,000	2,457	
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(163,669)	(190,000)	26,331	
Cash available July 1, 2020	572,863	548,600	2	pen, int & higher mill value
Revenues over (under) expenditures Increase (decrease) payables & transfers	(163,669)	(190,000)	26,331	
Cash available June 30, 2021	409,194	358,600	50,594	pen, int & higher mill value

For 1st quarter budget, assume zero tax revenue. Actual taxes collected during 1st quarter are delinquent taxes for prior fiscal year. Budget assumes 50% collection in 2nd quarter & 50% collection in 3rd quarter.

Expenditures include interfund transfers of quarterly SRF (wwtp & wl) & biannual BB&T (revetment & bridge) debt payments.

Available cash on July 1, 2021 needs to be sufficient to cover Sept. 1, 2021 revetment biannual debt payment of \$7,780, Oct 1 & Dec 1, 2021 wwtp & wl quarterly debt payments totalling \$305,220 and Oct. 1, 2021 bridge biannual debt payment of \$40,100 (Grand Total - \$353,100)

Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types and Account Groups June 30, 2021

	Proprietary Fund Type		Governmental Fund Types	Fund Types		Totals
	Wfr & Sew	Erosion &		Debt	Capital	March
	Dept.	Bridge	Fire Dept.	Service	Projects	2021
ASSETS						
Available Cash	3,055,582	92,019	182,607			3,330,208
Due from Beaufort County Treasurer	374,195	438,372	475,928	409,194		1,697,688
Accounts receivable water & sewer system	470,324					470,324
Accounts receivable-other	7,204					7,204
Interfund receivable / transfer accounts						1
Inventory	22,749					22,749
Prepaid expenses	35,740					35,740
Restricted cash, debt service funds & investments	3,624,129	200,542			360,180	4,184,850
Fixed assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	13,245,661					13,245,661
Unamortized debt acquisition costs	ť					1
Deferred Outflows-Pension & OPEB	149,665					149,665
Amount provided for retirement of long term debt	1					1
Total Assets	20,985,248	730,932	658,535	409,194	360,180	23,144,089
LIABILITIES						
Vouchers & accounts payable	112,460	147	181,208			293,815
Accrued employee expenses	27,832		13,737			41,568
Payable from restricted assets (accrued bond int.)	43,530					43,530
Deferred revenue & receivable clearing accounts	(711)					(711)
General obligation & revenue bonds payable	7,341,067					7,341,067
Pension & OPEB liability & deferred inflows	1,838,235					1,838,235
Interfund payable / transfer accounts	4,800		(4,800)			
Total liabilities	9,367,212	147	190,145	Î	1	9,557,504
FUND EQUITY						
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Position	11,377,177	710,562	457,500	572,863	371,589	13,489,691
Fund Balance/Net Position YTD increase (decrease)	240,859	20,223	10,890	(163,669)	(11,409)	96,894
Total fund equity	11,618,036	730,785	468,390	409,194	360,180	13,586,585
Total liabilities & fund equity	20,985,248	730,932	658,535	409,194	360,180	23,144,089

# Fripp Island Fire Department Monthly Report Summary September 2021

### **Response Activities:**

Total emergency responses for September, 16

		Sept 2021	Sept 2020	YTD CY21	YTD CY20
•	Structure Fires	00	00	01	00
•	Vehicle Fire	00	00	01	00
•	Medical Emergencies	13	07	110	100
•	Brush Fires	00	00	02	04
•	Misc. Fire	01	01	29	23
•	Service Calls	01	05	19	14
•	Mutual Aid	00	00	03	06
•	Auto Accident	01	00	13	06
•	Water Emergencies	00	01	06	13
		16	14	184	166

### Average emergency response time:

3 minutes 51 seconds.

### **Inspections:**

Sept 2021	Sept 2020	YTD CY21	YTD CY20
0	0	0	1

### **Training Activities:**

No training for September.

### Roster:

Total personnel active for September, 21

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# FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT INTERIM WORKPLACE COVID-19 POLICY

POLICY: The District will implement certain interim protocols and procedures related to COVID-19 for administrative offices, public buildings and all employees, as described herein.

PURPOSE: To establish uniform procedures for District employees to protect employees and the public and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- 1. The District administrative office and Fire Department building will be closed to the public until further notice. Administrative office staff will assist customers, residents, and other visitors by phone, email and mail. If face-to-face contact is required, all employees must wear masks and practice social distancing whenever they are in contact with any member of the public.
- 2. Employees must wear masks when in the company of other employees unless they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and the other employee(s).
- 3. Protocols and procedures for controlling the spread of infection recommended by the CDC will be followed by all employees. These protocols and procedures include the following protective measures:
  - A. Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
  - B. Quarantine should continue for 14 days after your last contact with someone who has COVID-19. During this time, you should watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.
  - C. If you do not develop symptoms after exposure to someone who has COVID-19, you may stop quarantine after day 10 without testing, or after day 7 with a negative test.
  - D. If you test positive and develop COVID-19 symptoms, you can return to work after 10 days have elapsed since your first symptoms if you have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications, AND your other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. If you are severely ill with COVID-19 or you are immunocompromised, you may need to remain home longer. Please follow CDC guidelines for your situation, which can be found at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html</a>.
  - E. All employees must report any known exposure to someone with COVID-19 to their supervisor or manager immediately and follow the CDC recommendations listed above.

- F. Employees who test positive must immediately report this information to their supervisor or the District Manager, so contact tracing can be done and the proper precautions can be taken to protect other individuals who may have had contact with them in the workplace.
- 4. The District encourages its employees to be vaccinated against Covid 19. To this end, the District may offer a cash incentive bonus to any employee who becomes fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC.

**AUTHORITY:** 

This policy approved and adopted by the Fripp Island Public Service District Commission on October 12, 2021, to become effective October 12, 2021.

This Policy approved and adopted by the FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION on October 12, 2021.

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Attest:

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Angel L'Hughes, Secretary
Fripp Island Public Service District

South Carolina

Dan H. McCormick, Chairman

Fripp Island Public Service District

South Carolina