

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 2024

A Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Jaynes, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda - None**

**Public Input - None**

1. Fiscal Update

Rick Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager discussed bond timeline and process, rate model update, feasibility and connection fee studies, Burnt Store, bids, and introduced Scott Ericson, Financial Assessment and Compliance Analyst.

Mr. Ericson gave a brief overview of Agenda, Charlotte County Bond Ratings, Purpose of Environmental, Social and Governance-Related (ESG) Profiles, Charlotte County ESG Profile Scores - Environmental Categories E-4, Miami-Dade County Comparison - Charlotte County (CC) Environmental Categories E-4, Charlotte County ESG Profile Scores - Social Categories S-2, Miami-Dade County Comparison - CC Social Categories S-2, Charlotte County ESG Profile Scores - Governance Categories G-1, Miami-Dade County Comparison - CC Governance Categories G-1, Impacts of ESG Profile Score on Ratings, and Impacts to Charlotte County.

**Chair Truex** commented on Charlotte County Bond Ratings, improvements, credit scores, and Impacts to Charlotte County. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Burnt Store, bids, April 23, 2024 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Agenda item, Charlotte County Bond Ratings, Charlotte County ESG Profile Scores, Impacts of ESG Profile Score on Ratings, and best practices. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Finance Committee Meeting. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to Charlotte County Bond Ratings, climate risk, Charlotte County ESG Profile Scores, Impacts to Charlotte County, resources, improvements, One Charlotte One Water, and Miami-Dade County.

County Administrator Flores replied to Finance Committee Meeting, Burnt Store, bids, May Board Meetings, schedule, and Clerk's Office.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Clerk's Office, scheduling, and Finance Committee Meeting.

2. Utility Update

Dave Watson, Utilities Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Monthly Purchases from Water Authority Average Daily Per Month, Water Produced at Burnt Store Average Daily Per Month, Reclaimed Distributed, Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity - Last 12 Months, Water Reclamation Facilities Remaining Equivalent Residential Connections (ERCs),

Water Distribution, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, Source of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Cause of SSO's, Customers Per System Type, New Customers, Miscellaneous Data, Business Services, Accounts Turned off for Non-payment, Customer Support Data, Public Relations, Employee Performance Measures, Department Overtime, Positions Update, 50-Year Water Use Permit Schedule: Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) Babcock 5-Year Water Use Permit Schedule, Charlotte County Utilities Department Babcock Ranch Water Use Permit, Recommended Next Steps, Babcock Water Supply After Allocation Determination, and Utility Initiatives.

**Chair Truex** noted development, construction process, water connection, challenges, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, meter installations, supply chain issues, 50-Year Water Use Permit Schedule: CCU Babcock 5-Year Water Use Permit Schedule, Utility Initiatives, and Meter Technology Study. **Commissioner Constance** remarked on Water Distribution, contractors, and water lines. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Reclaimed Distributed, East Port, and supply options. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Causes of SSO's, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), reporting requirements, annual review, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, Positions Update, timing, installation queue, water service and meters, cost, maintenance and operations, and overtime.

### 3. Projects Update

Mr. Watson gave a brief overview of Engineering Projects, Development Projects, East Port Expansion, Burnt Store Replacement, Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway - Water Quality Improvement, Cape Haze - Water Quality Improvement, Water Authority Phase 2B Joint Project Hillsborough Water Main, Master Plans and Reports, West Port Expansion, South County Upgrades, and MT003: Resiliency and Modernization Grant.

**Chair Truex** mentioned Cape Haze – Water Quality Improvement, water levels, septic systems, condition, cost, and sampling. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to subsidies, cost, Master Plans and Reports, water quality improvements, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, data, access, strategies, factors, pollution, septic systems, tidal flow, Water Authority Phase 2B Joint Project Hillsborough Water Main, capacity, Rotonda Wastewater Treatment Plant, and West Port. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Cape Haze – Water Quality Improvement, Master Plans and Reports, affordability, East-West Spring Lake Project, technology, operating and maintenance (O&M) cost, subsidies, Rotonda Wastewater Treatment Plant, high nutrient levels, and deadline. **Commissioner Tiseo** remarked on Cape Haze – Water Quality Improvement, Master Plans and Reports, surface and ground water sampling, septic to sewer conversion, cost, subsidies, affordability and sustainability standards, Lakeview/Midway – Water Quality Improvement, existing conditions, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, timeframe, East-West Spring Lake Project, initiatives, components, project scope, Ackerman – Water Quality Improvement, pre and post construction, Rotonda Wastewater Treatment Plant, and advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) deadline.

County Administrator Flores responded to water sampling reports, Water Quality Manager Brandon Moody, improvements, and One Charlotte One Water Town Hall.

### 4. Capacity Assessment and Assurance Program Framework Development and Flow Monitoring Pilot Program Update

Mr. Watson introduced Brian Veith, Veith Engineering and Business Solutions President.

Mr. Veith gave a brief overview of Agenda, Overview, Scope and Goals, Program and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Development, Rotonda Area Pilot Project, Rotonda Area Pilot Project Continued, County-Wide Implementation, Pilot and Program Benefits, Pilot and Program Benefits Continues, and Questions and Answers.

Chair Truex discussed monitoring, closed-circuit television (CCTV), Pilot and Program Benefits, and Infiltration and Inflow (I&I). Commissioner Constance commented on relining, structural integrity, Pilot and Program Benefits, monitoring, and cost.

AA. County Administrator Comments - None


BB. County Attorney Comments - None

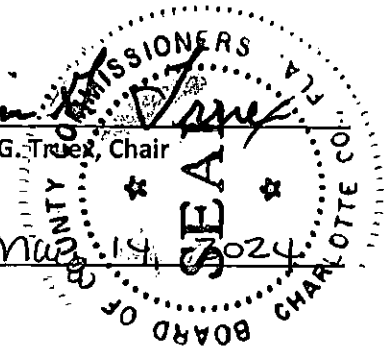
CC. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Doherty mentioned April 3, 2024 Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) Meeting, PRMRWSA Executive Director Mike Coates, surface water expansion program, 3 million gallons per day (MGD), cost per gallon, contingency, and model adjustment. Commissioner Tiseo spoke to cost per gallon.

County Administrator Flores responded to cost adjustment.

ADJOURNED: 3:59 pm

  
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 William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: Mar 14, 2024


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