

LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2026

2:00PM

Lumpkin County Administration Building

99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Members in attendance: Murl Jones, Charles Trammell, Vic Dover, Darren Wood, Wes Chambers, Henry Davis, Jeffrey Moran

Others in attendance: Sean Phipps, Dee Harris, Joy Edelberg, Johnny Trammell, Vanessa McGrath, Keith Murden (Press), Alan Ours, Jolene Northrop, Rhett Stringer, Katherine James, Ron Winkowski, Betty, Della Lago, Jim Carroll

Call to order: Chairman Murl Jones called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with amendment at #5 Presentation update for Jeremiahs Place: Charles Trammell. Second: Jeff Moran. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve: Henry Davis. Second: Vic Dover. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials: - Motion to accept March Financials: Charles Trammell. Second: Henry Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremiahs Place – working with County for variances and architect and Wes and Henry for getting set up for sewer system... Grinder pumps – E1 systems to determine needs and pricing. LCWSA will be ready for hookup when JP is ready.

Update – Wastewater Treatment Plant – sidewalk around control building, next up will be flooring. MCE Panel has been received. It will be installed and tested. Membranes will be prefit. Crane is in place.

Yahoola Creek Park Restoration – EPD came for a sight visit and walked creek to see erosion. They also met with Tetra Tech

Old Business – Ratification of contract change order #4 Pump Station Renovations (CCWWTP) – Motion to approve Change Order #4 with Executive Director Sean Phipps approved as signer: Wes Chambers. Second: Vic Dover. Motion carried unanimously.

Climavision Lease – Climavision submitted a proposed lease with different terms than the Authority provided previously. Sean noted representative from Climavision had not responded to the previous lease terms provided by the Authority in a timely manner. Members discussed the difficulties in communicating and coming to agreements with Climavision since June of 2024. Motion to terminate Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority's interest in the project with Climavision: Vic Dover. Second: Darren Wood. Vic Dover, Charles Trammell, Darren Wood, Wes Chambers, Jeff Moran Yay, Henry Davis Nay. Motion carried.

GEFA Hurricane Helene Resiliency Funding – program changes now offering 75% forgiveness and 0% interest. 1.5% loan origination fee. Motion to approve Executive Director Sean Phipps to move forward with GEFA Helene Resiliency Funding application: Vic Dover. Second: Charles Trammell. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlands Engineering – Yahoola Creek Park Restoration Design - \$71,000 to complete the design for the restoration project. Motion to approve entering into contract with Wildlands Engineering for \$71,000 to

complete the design for the Yahoola Creek Park Restoration Project: Henry Davis. Second: Charles Trammell. Motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the need for establishing a non profit category to have a policy for tap fee payments. Member Henry Davis suggested seeing what other counties are doing under these circumstances.

Motion to adjourn: Charles Trammell. Second: Vic Dover. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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