The Lowcountry Regional Water System Commission (herein referred to as “LRWS” of the “Commission”) held its special meeting on at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 513 Elm St West, Hampton South Carolina. The Commission conducted this meeting in electronic form. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**Commission Present:** Mr. Rocky Hudson, Brunson

Mayor Jimmy Bilka, Hampton

Ms. Peggy O’Banner, Yemassee

Mayor Horney Mitchell, Gifford

Clay Bishop, Hampton County

**Officers Present:** Mr. Brian Burgess, General Manager

Ms. Sara Craven, Secretary

Ms. Kari Foy, Engineer

**Visitors Present:** None

**Quorum Met:** Yes

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Rocky Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation given by Jimmy Bilka. Pledge of Allegiance conducted by all.

3. **FOIA Compliance Report**

As required by Code of Laws of South Carolina, notice of this LRWS Commission meeting was posted prominently in the offices of the Commission at least twenty-four hours in advance. In addition, the local news media and all persons requesting notifications of meetings of the LRWS Commission were notified of the time, date, and place of such meeting, and were provided with a copy of the agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to this meeting.

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Clay Bishop, seconded by Horney Mitchell to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of its Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget**

No Comments

6. **New Business**

* 1. Second and Final Reading of the 2020-2021 Annual Operation Budget
     1. Clay Bishop asked if a rate increase was in the budget. Brian informed him that the rates would remain as they are.

Moved by Clay Bishop, seconded by Jimmy Bilka to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

* 1. Bids for Brunson WWTP Improvement and Sewer Rehab Project
     1. Brian informed the Board that LRWS received 5 bids for this project and all of the bids were substantially over budget. Brian went through several options on how to handle the situation with the Board. We could request more funding or install a pump station and pipe from Brunson to Hampton. The Board asked Brian to get a quote for the pump station and piping from Brunson to Hampton.

7. **Adjournment**

Moved by Jimmy Bilka, seconded by Peggy O’Banner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned at 4:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Craven.