The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Combined Utility System held at the office of the Combined Utility System on Monday, December 9, 2024.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Andy Sevic, General Manager, Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant, and Tripp Martin, Finance Manager.

The minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2024, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jeff Fogle, with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

November invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle. The sales report and financial report for the month of November were reviewed. Electric sales were 5.28% above budget. Water and sewer sales were above budget by 10.96% and 9.06% respectively. These reports were taken as information only.

The commission was given a Hurricane Helene status update. Staff has had an Exploratory Call with FEMA to discuss disaster related damages and learn what the requirements are for the Public Assistance grant. The next step is a Recovery Scope Meeting scheduled for January 13, 2025. This will begin the 60-day period for submitting damage inventory. Additionally, ECU received four proposals for consulting services for disaster recovery and FEMA assistance. Each proposal was reviewed and analyzed. After careful consideration, Jeff Fogle made a motion to approve Goodwyn Mills Cawood for consulting services with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business:

- 1. The watershed management report was reviewed. The full watershed report is attached to and incorporated in with these minutes.
- 2. The legislative dinner will be held at ECU on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6pm.
- 3. There are approximately 90 customers that have requested their water to be tested for lead and copper.

Jeff Fogle made a motion to enter executive session for the discussion of legal and contractual items in nature with a second by Nick Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously. The commission returned to public session with no action being taken in executive session.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025.

Eric Goodwin, Chairman

Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner

Nick Caldwell, Commissioner