

Citizens Advisory Council of Prichard (CACP) Meeting Summary
July 18, 2024, 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Charles E. McConnell Civic Center, 224 Grant Street—Chickasaw, AL

PRESENTERS: John Young, Jr., Court-Appointed Receiver
Prichard Water Works and Sewer Board (PWWSB)

ATTENDING: Mayor Jimmie Gardner, City of Prichard
Mayor Barry Broadhead, City of Chickasaw
Jessica James, City of Chickasaw (Representing Mayor’s Office)
Severia Morris, United Concerned Citizens of Prichard
Carletta Davis, President, We Matter
Rusty Murdaugh, District 98
Dr. Beatrice Morse, District 97
Katie Davis, District 2
Clifford Bryant

ABSENT: Pastor Chris Williams, County Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Young

MODERATING: Jim Gilliland

Operation/Capital Updates

PWWSB intends to fill the certified water operator position by the end of July 2024. Regarding the certified wastewater operator position, we have contacted a couple of contract operations companies. Qualified operators continue to run the wastewater treatment facilities.

The water storage tank improvement project has been advertised for bid, and competitive bids will be received in August 2024. Painting and improvements on four tanks should begin in the Fall of 2024. The Lovejoy pipeline replacement design continues, and the 3-phase, 9-mile pipe replacement is projected to be completed in early 2026. The Morris WWTP improvement design is continuing, with bids solicited early next year. An RFQ (Request for Qualifications) has been issued for the SCADA design.

Financial Update

The FY2024 3rd quarter budget results were reviewed. As shown in the table below, revenues continue to track closely with the Receiver’s budget. Actual expenses are below the Receiver’s forecast primarily due to terminating payments to the Bond Trustee

for replenishment of the Reserve Fund, monthly interest expenses, and legal fees from earlier in 2024.

	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
	Board’s 2023-2024 Annual Budget Submitted to Court in October 2023	Receiver’s Revised 2023-2024 Annual Budget	Receiver’s 9-Month Budget	9-Month Actual	Receiver’s 9-Month Budget to Actual
Total Revenue	\$14,432,633	\$12,735,742	\$9,551,807	\$9,604,174	\$52,367
Total Expense	\$14,190,556	\$18,216,969	\$13,662,727	\$11,398,740	\$1,578,480
Net Income	\$242,076	(\$5,481,226)	(\$4,110,920)	(\$1,794,566)	

Alternative Analysis

Most of the members of the Advisory Council met at the Chickasaw Civic Center at 9 a.m. on July 18 to discuss the alternatives with an expectation of providing the Receiver with feedback regarding preferences.

Rusty Murdaugh spoke first indicating the workshop group that was present earlier that day met for about an hour to discuss the Alternatives for the long-term management and operation of PWWSB using the Moonshot Missions Draft Table showing five alternatives as a primer for that discussion. The purpose of the workshop was to provide feedback to the Receiver about which Alternatives would work for the long-term operation of the PWWSB. At least three were supportive of the concession alternative, a couple preferred the MAWWS alternative, and some were still undecided.

After Mr. Murdaugh concluded his comments, a lively discussion continued with the Advisory Council about the various Alternatives. The suggestion was made by Dr. Morse that the Advisory Council needed more time to discuss the Alternatives before giving feedback to the Receiver.

The decision was made by the Advisory Council to meet again on Monday, July 22, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. with the location TBD and the meeting notification to be sent ASAP. It was requested that the Moderator be present to facilitate that discussion and that the Receiver be available to respond to specific questions from the group regarding the Alternatives.

Communication Plan

There was a discussion about the communication of the Receiver's Draft Plan to the Advisory Council, community, and all other stakeholders.

With respect to timing, the Receiver is prepared to share the plan with the Advisory Council on the morning of July 31, 2024, after it has been shared with the management and staff of PWWSB. The document is likely to be quite large so arrangements are being made to ensure everyone can access it when the Receiver sends it electronically on July 31, 2024. After that, the Draft Master Plan would be provided to the media and the public and made available at FixPrichardWater.com.

At a later date the Receiver would be available to respond to questions about the Draft Master Plan from the Advisory Council.

Next Meeting

The next public meeting of the Advisory Council was not discussed.