

## **AGENDA**

### **SPARTANBURG SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT COMMISSION**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING PLACE: 301 South Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC 29306**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 2:15 p.m.**

This is a regular meeting of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District Commission. Written notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting, along with the agenda, has been posted in the lobby and on the Spartanburg Water website, and copies have been forwarded to local and nearby news media (including Spartanburg Herald-Journal, The Spartan Weekly, Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, Hometown News, WSPA-TV 7, WYFF-TV 4, WLOS-TV 13, WHNS Fox Carolina, WORD News Radio, WOLT-FM Radio, Tribune Times, and the Times Examiner) at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

- 1. PRAYER**
  - 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2020**
  - 3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
- Newt Pressley will present a financial summary of SSSD expenditures and revenues for the four-month period ending October 31, 2020.
- 4. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

Halliday, Schwartz & Company will review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and communication letter for SSSD.

- 5. COVID-19 REPORT**

Management will provide the Commission with an update.

- 6. MWBE REPORT**

Management will provide a 2020 report on the MWBE Program.

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**7. COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM REPORT**

Management will provide a 2020 report on the Community Benefit Program.

**8. PROPOSED 2021 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 26	February 23
March 23	April 27
May 25	June 22
July – No Meeting	August 24
September 28	October 26
November – No Meeting	December 7

**9. SPARTANBURG AREA CONSERVANCY (SPACE) GRANT PROPOSAL**

The Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) was formed in 1989 to protect and preserve Spartanburg area lands and the water resources that run through them. The mission of SPACE is to promote, protect and preserve natural resources and open space in the Spartanburg community.

SPACE has made inroads in protecting the Pacolet Rivers and Lawson Fork Creek, as well as lands throughout Spartanburg County. To date, SPACE has protected over 5,000 acres in the Spartanburg region. Properties SPACE has protected encompass varied, unique features, including watershed protection, wetlands, historically significant land, farms, forests, geological formations, and habitat for numerous rare and/or threatened flora and fauna.

The pandemic has spotlighted the importance of how outdoor recreation systems can connect fellow citizens safely with fresh air and space to roam. Spartanburg Area Conservancy’s grant request includes the development and launching of a children’s nature exploration course called, “SPACE to Learn”. In partnership with the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center, this program will provide free outdoor learning opportunities along the Cottonwood Trail for Spartanburg County Pre-K to High School students on the importance of preserving and caring for the Pacolet River Watershed. Designed around South Carolina’s science educational standards, these programs would provide an alternative outside the classroom box for science teachers, homeschooling groups and children’s organizations.

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Specific curriculum proposed for this outside classroom field experience include the following:

- The Pacolet Watershed and How it Impacts Your Family
- What's Out of Your Tap
- Your Every Day Choices – How it Affects Our Watershed

Research has shown that teaching children in an outdoor space is more than a fun, novel experience for kids – it actually helps them focus once they return to the classroom or virtual learning format. Teaching them about watershed topics, including weaving in the importance of water and wastewater treatment systems in protecting health and the environment, should provide an impactful learning experience for the youth of Spartanburg County.

Management recommends the approval of targeted funding for the outdoor educational programs proposed by SPACE in the amount of \$12,606, with an equal allocation of \$6,303 of the funding from SSSD and \$6,303 of the funding from SWS. Funding will be allocated from SSSD and SWS operating funds.

**10. WATERSHED ECOLOGY CENTER GRANT PROPOSAL**

The Watershed Ecology Center's mission is to encourage watershed awareness through education, experience, and community outreach. Special emphasis is placed on water conservation, watershed education, water quality, and the study of organisms living in the area encompassed by a watershed. All of the Watershed Ecology Center's educational programming meets state standards and incorporates hands-on learning activities. Last year, programs that focus on water served thousands of students in both (limited) classroom and virtual formats for students throughout Spartanburg County. The success of last year, despite COVID-19 restrictions, showcase the resilience and adaptability of programmatic efforts of the Watershed Ecology Center to reach children and adults through multi-media formats.

Watershed Ecology Center's annual goal for 2021 is to reach 22,000 K-8 students through watershed based educational programming. In addition to expanding the virtual classroom, the Watershed Ecology Center endeavors to promote other programs related to watershed awareness by expanding

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monitoring in the Pacolet River Watershed through the Adopt-A-Stream program, a credentialed citizens monitoring network.

Building on the success of their program to promote watershed learning for educators, they will continue to facilitate teacher success in the classroom by providing tools to incorporate both virtual formats, individual student supplies, and more hands on education of science and math. This will complement their teacher certification program in elementary schools and will provide teachers an in-depth understanding of the natural world and provide them guidance on the use of STEM tools to support their curriculum for students. The continuation of this watershed focused certification initiative will expand teacher knowledge of the aquatic world and equip them to explain it to their students.

The Watershed Ecology Center plans to continue to leverage technological innovations with the development of a virtual reality curriculum that supplements student's learning and understanding of the natural world. With this technology, the Watershed Ecology Center intends to bring interactive programs and concepts into the classroom such as virtual water and wastewater treatment plant tours, and development of "virtual field trips" for various watershed ecosystems in South Carolina.

Management recommends the approval of targeted funding for the aforementioned K-8 educational programs and watershed based program initiatives offered by the Watershed Ecology Center in the amount of \$16,000, with an equal allocation of \$8,000 of the funding from SSSD and \$8,000 of the funding from SWS. Funding will be allocated from SSSD and SWS operating funds.

**11. OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT – BERKELEY SUBDIVISION**

Mark III Properties, Inc., proposes to construct approximately 13,958 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line, one 550 GPM pump station and 2,463 linear feet of 8-inch force main to provide service to 316 residential lots in Berkeley Subdivision located off of Cannons Campground Road. The sewer line will connect to the existing SSSD infrastructure via New Berkeley Regional Pump Station. The domestic waste will be treated at the A. Manning Lynch Wastewater Treatment Facility. The developer will bear all costs.

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The line will be constructed according to District-approved plans and specifications, with District inspection provided. The owner will provide all necessary right-of-way and easement agreements for this project.

The form of the agreement transferring ownership of the gravity sewer to the District has been reviewed by the District's attorney and executed by Mark III Properties, Inc. Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 29, 1990, this agreement has been executed on behalf of the Commission by the Chief Executive Officer.

The above is provided as information to the Commission.

**12. OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT – NORTHSIDE TOWNHOMES**

Spartanburg RE Investments, LLC proposes to construct approximately 630 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line to provide service to 47 townhome units in Northside Townhomes development located off of Howard Street. The sewer line will connect to the existing SSSD infrastructure. The domestic waste will be treated at the A. Manning Lynch Wastewater Treatment Facility. The developer will bear all costs.

The line will be constructed according to District-approved plans and specifications, with District inspection provided. The owner will provide all necessary right-of-way and easement agreements for this project.

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**13. OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT – PINE VALLEY (a.k.a. "The Springs")**

Mark III Properties Inc., proposes to construct approximately 17,423 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line to provide service to 781 residential lots in Pine Valley Subdivision located on Hanging Rock Road. The sewer line will connect to the existing SSSD infrastructure. The domestic waste will be

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**14. OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT – POINTE GRAND SPARTANBURG APARTMENTS**

Pointe Grand Spartanburg, LLC proposes to construct approximately 178 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line to provide service to 300 units in Pointe Grand Spartanburg Apartments located off of Highway 29. The sewer line will connect to the existing SSSD infrastructure. The domestic waste will be treated at the Lower North Tyger River Wastewater Treatment Facility. SSSD will participate in the off-site sewer construction cost in accordance with the Sewer Extension Policy adopted December 17, 1996.

The line will be constructed according to District-approved plans and specifications, with District inspection provided. The owner will provide all necessary right-of-way and easement agreements for this project.

The form of the agreement transferring ownership of the gravity sewer to the District has been reviewed by the District's attorney and executed by Pointe Grand Spartanburg, LLC. Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 29, 1990, this agreement has been executed on behalf of the Commission by the Chief Executive Officer.

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**15. NEGOTIATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**