

Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 29, 2025

The Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 in a regular meeting at 6:00pm in the Clinton Office Conference Room. Members present were Board Chair Mr. Randy Randall, Board Vice-Chair Mr. Foster Senn, Board Secretary Mr. Danny Cook, Board Member Mr. Gary Kuykendall, Board Member Mr. Lemont Glasgow, Board Member Mr. Gregg Summer, Board Member Mr. David DuBose, Authority General Manager Mr. James Capps, and Authority Finance Director Mr. Phillip Allison. Authority Assistant General Manager Mr. Bob Simpson and Authority Counsel Mr. Frank Partridge were also in attendance.

Mr. Randall established the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Mr. DuBose gave the invocation.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the February 25, March 17, and March 18 meetings. Mr. Summer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the February and March 2025 Operating Reports. Mr. Capps reviewed various revenues and expenses of the months and answered questions from the Board.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve funds for the Pickens Street main replacement in Clinton. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to \$20,000.00 in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with this replacement, with any excess to remain in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund. Mr. Senn moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve funds for a main extension on Mt Carmel Road in Laurens County. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to \$225,000.00 in the Expansion Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with this extension, with any excess to remain in the Expansion Fund. Mr. Summer moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. Glasgow seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve funds for replacement of some CNNGA facilities which have been damaged repeatedly at the intersection of Airport Road and Highway 76 in Newberry County. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to \$45,000.00 in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with these replacements, with any excess to remain in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund. Mr. Summer moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. DuBose seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve funds for the replacement of metering equipment at the West Fraser-Joanna location in Laurens County. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to \$25,000.00 in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with this replacement, with any excess to remain in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund. Mr. Senn moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. Summer seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve funds for a main extension at the intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 39 in Cross Hill in Laurens County. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to \$15,000.00 in the Expansion Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with this extension, with any excess to remain in the Expansion Fund. Mr. Glasgow moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve an increase in funding for work needed to accommodate the widening of Interstate 26 in Newberry County. This project has been ongoing for some years and the initial \$100,000.00 set aside is not enough to fund the project. Mr. Capps recommended that the Board set aside up to an additional \$225,000.00 in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund to reimburse the Gross Revenue Fund for expenses associated with this replacement, with any excess to remain in the Contingency & Depreciation Fund. Mr. Summer moved to approve Mr. Capps's recommendation. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a time of information regarding the Authority's billing procedures and processes. Mr. Capps informed the Board of measures that the Authority has taken to assist its customers with time to pay their statements.

The next item on the agenda was an Executive Session to discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement. Mr. Glasgow moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Dubose seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted. After a time, the Board resumed Open Session at the call of the Chair. During Executive Session, information was given on a proposed contractual arrangement and no action was taken. The item discussed in Executive Session was the need to either contract with a line locating company or to hire an additional 4 line locators to assist with the workload being experienced by the Authority. Mr. Summer moved to hire an additional 4 line locators with the understanding that Payroll budget numbers would be monitored as close as possible but that an excess in this line item may occur. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item on the agenda was the announcement of a future meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Newberry Office Conference Room.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Senn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DuBose seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.



Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Board Secretary