

**MINUTES OF THE LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 28, 2019
HOLLYWOOD RURITAN CLUB**

Executive Director Joy Downs introduce Lee Ayers who ran the meeting.

Lee introduced Jason Fell (Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority). He indicated they have funding for the project. And also there is another meeting Monday night on the subject.

He then introduced Joe McGougan (MBD Consulting Engineers) who presented the program on the proposed water and sewer facility in Saluda County. The current wastewater system is inadequate. Wastewater is pumped 47 miles to Aiken County. It is a challenge to find a location for the affluent discharge. He discussed several options and plus and minuses of each. Questions and answers followed.

Bill Argentieri (SCE&G) gave the members and guests an update on the lake drawdown. He also congratulated the Lake Murray Association on its 25th anniversary. He mentioned some complaints he had received on the Spirit of Lake Murray and a proposed restaurant being located in a cove. Could cause some overcrowding issues. He also confirmed that lake management will remain with SCE&G.

The next guest was Kristan Beckham (Dominion) who said that the merger with SCE&G has been finalized. She mentioned that two proposals were presented to the Public Service Commission: a one-time cash payment to customers or a significant rate reduction. PSC chose the rate reduction. Headquarters will remain in Cayce.

Billy Chastain with Dominion lake management reiterated that he is dedicated to having people enjoy the lake. Lots of weeds were killed with the lake lowering. His goal is to balance the weed situation and with fishermen who want the weeds. He continues to work with DHEC on water quality. And he was proud of participating in a recent project of giving away 350 trees for vegetating the shoreline.

Lee recognized the corporate sponsors. And indicated LMA was finalizing Ladies Day on the lake and it will be at Lighthouse Marina this year.

Joy Downs recognized Louise Love as a Past President and Roy Parker as a past Environmental Chair.

Meeting was adjourned.