BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER H2GO NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY JOINT PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION OF BRUNSWICK FOREST TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting, located at Leland Town Hall, to order at 5:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present from the Board of Commissioners were members Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman, Rodney McCoy, Secretary, Bill Beer, and Barry Laub, present from H2GO was Bob Walker, Executive Director, Russ Lane, Assistant Executive Director, Scott Hook, Finance Officer, Brenda Thurman, Customer Service Manager, Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer, and Deana Greiner, Clerk to the Board. Also, present were attorney Steve Coble and Mr. Jay Frick from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Chairman Jenkins explained that this was a joint public hearing with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest into the H2GO sanitary district.

1. H2GO Chair: Call for a motion and vote to OPEN the Joint Public Hearing

Commissioner Beer made the motion to open the joint public hearing with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest into the H2GO Sanitary District. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2. H2GO Chair Opening Remarks:
 - a) On or before July 13, 2021, Pursuant to NCGS 130A-69(a), the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick Regional Water & Sewer H2GO did receive a petition to annex territory commonly known as Brunswick Forest.
 - b) H2GO staff verified petition signatures received represent not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the resident freeholders within Brunswick Forest, and an affidavit signed by the Executive Director attests to the number and validity of resident freeholders on the petition.
 - c) At a specially called Board of Commissioners meeting held July 13, 2021, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2021-07-01 to accept the petition and to request a joint public hearing with the Department on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest.
 - d) The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has agreed to this Joint Public Hearing on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest. Mr. Jay Frick with NCDEQ, has been appointed to represent the Department during this joint public hearing.

- e) Notice of this joint public hearing was published in the Wilmington Star-News on Monday, August 2, 2021, not less than 15 days prior to today's hearing date.
- f) The boundary lines of the territory commonly known as Brunswick Forest to be annexed and the boundary lines of the H2GO sanitary district have been prepared by the H2GO Board of Commissioners and may be examined on the H2GO website www.H2GOonline.com and/or at the H2GO office located at 516 Village Rd NE, Leland, NC.
- 3. H2GO Chair: Pursuant to NCGS 130A-69(b), does any person or group wish to present a petition, signed by not less than 15% of the freeholders residing in the H2GO sanitary district, to request an election be held on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest and for that election question to be considered by all voters within the H2GO sanitary district?

No petition was presented to the Board.

4. H2GO Chair: Call for public comments pertaining ONLY to the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest

No verbal comments given, no written comments submitted.

5. H2GO Chair: Call for a motion and vote to CLOSE the public hearing

Commissioner Laub made the motion to close the joint public hearing with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on the question of annexation of Brunswick Forest into the H2GO Sanitary District. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McCoy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Ronnie Ienkins Chairman

Deana Greiner, CMC Clerk to Board

Rodney-vicCoy, Secretary

Date of Approval