

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023, 9:05 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carol C. Pritchett  
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio  
Commissioner Patrick Bryant  
Commissioner Scott Doster

William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager  
Michael Dydula, Project Manager

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jim Proctor  
William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II. AGENDA ADOPTION**

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Commissioner David DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RUBY-COLLINS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 02**

Commissioner DiOrio asked if there were any changes to Ruby-Collins Agreement Amendment 02 since it was discussed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> work session meeting and Project Manager Michael Dydula answered no.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve Ruby-Collins Agreement Amendment 02. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

It was noted that this will result in an amendment to the 2023-2024 Lake Drawdown Schedule, which will now span from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024. Council discussed

announcing the change. Commissioner DiOrio noted that the main reasoning for the change is scheduling conflicts in relation to the reservoir drain installation. Project Manager Dydula agreed to work with Communications Director Laura Krejci to send out the updated information to the public. Commissioner Bryant asked if Ruby-Collins will be prepared by the January 1<sup>st</sup> start date and Project Manager Dydula answered yes.

It was noted that the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department will communicate when boats should be removed from the Marina. It was also noted that no boats will need to be removed from Sunset Cove this drawdown.


Council members discussed that the drawdown will be more substantial when the reservoir drain is installed and discussed the impacts. Project Manager Dydula recommended working with LaBella to craft a public service announcement in regard to possible engineering occurrences that could take place when the lake can be drawn down 20 feet.

Project Manager Dydula mentioned that he had followed up with Ruby-Collins and LaBella after the work session on the 26<sup>th</sup> and it was determined that Ruby-Collins will finish the laterals in the North Side of Sunset Cove during the upcoming drawdown. Project Manager Dydula added that there had been discussions regarding Ruby-Collins increasing their number of crews, but the Town would have to increase spending. Project Manager Dydula mentioned that five months will likely be requested for future drawdowns, and during the next three drawdowns work should be completed from Sunset Cove to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Project Manager Dydula noted that the Town's \$3.5 million remaining in American Rescue Plan Act funds will likely be spent after the next 5 month drawdown. Project Manager Dydula expressed that the next major challenge will occur when Tryon Bay is reached. Council members and staff discussed a timeline for completing the sewer project and it was noted that money and easements play a factor into the timeline. Mayor Pritchett expressed that funding is the major driver. Project Manager Dydula relayed that LaBella is concerned with getting everyone hooked on the new pipes as soon as possible, so the system can go into commission.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Doster made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk

  
Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

