PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026
Butler Warner Generation Plant (BWGP)
9:30 AM

Present:	Ronna Rowe Garrett, Chairwoman Donald L. Porter, Vice Chairman Christopher G. Davis, Secretary Richard W. King, Treasurer
Others Present:	Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager Kirk deViere, Cumberland County Commission Chairman/Liaison Derrick Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem/Liaison Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager Robert Van Geons, FCEDC Media
Absent:	Faith Phillips, Assistant Cumberland County Manager Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Richard King called the meeting of October 14, 2026, to order at 9:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner King led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Commissioner Christopher Davis motioned to elect the following slate of offices. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved.

- Chairwoman – Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett
- Vice Chairman – Commissioner Donald L. Porter
- Secretary – Commissioner Christopher Davis
- Treasurer – Commissioner Richard W. King

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. AWARDS PRESENTATION

ELECTRICITIES OF NORTH CAROLINA – 2026 PUBLIC POWER AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Presented by: Misty Manning, Chief Operations Officer – Electric Systems

Ms. Manning stated at the ElectriCities Annual Conference we received recognition with the following four awards

- **Strengthen Public Power Award** – this award goes to communities who work hard to gain political and public support for public power.

- **Provide Superior Power Award** – this award goes to communities who are recognized for providing reliable, affordable and sustainable power to our communities.

- **Customer-Centered Innovation Award** – this award recognizes the fact that we look at ways to innovate; and invest in ways we can better serve our customers.

- **People Focused Award** – this award recognizes the ways we invest in our people when we show that are people are our greatest asset.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

Following a brief discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

A. Approve Minutes of meeting of September 23, 2026

B. Adopt PWCORD2026-37 thru PWCORD2026-41 – Capital Project Fund and Grant Project Fund Budget Ordinances

- PWCORD2026-37 Establishes the Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) GPF to improve the electrical operations network through the installation and configuration of defined software network switches at Substations and Electric Control Centers.
- PWCORD2026-38 Establishes the Economic Development Assistance (EDA) GPF to extend new 12-inch water main to serve the HWY 401 North Industrial Site.
- PWCORD2026-39 Establishes the Sub-Transmission Pole Replacement GPF to enhance the resilience of the Electric Grid by replacing wooden utility poles with overhead steel sub-transmission poles.
- PWCORD2026-40 Amends the budget for the Glenville Lake WTP GAC Facility project that is financed by state loan proceeds and revenue bonds.
- PWCORD2026-41 Amends the budget for the PO Hoffer WTP GAC Facility project that is financed by state loan proceeds and revenue bonds.

C. Adopt PWC Resolution #PWC2026.20 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

Fayetteville Public Works Commission ("PWC") owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as "Transformers, Overhead, 2279.5 KVA, totaling 75" (the "Equipment"). Staff has determined that PWC no longer has any use for the Equipment, that the Equipment should be sold at this time, and that the estimated value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

D. Approve construction award recommendation for the Annual Underground Distribution Boring Construction Contract to River City Construction, Washington, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of $2,366,720.50 and forward to City Council for approval.

Annual Underground Distribution Boring Construction Contract is budgeted in 001.0820.0435.0000-00.650030.CPR1000015.

Bid Date: July 30, 2026

Conforming Bidders	**Total Price**
River City Construction, Washington, NC	$2,366,720.50
Directional Services, Inc., Hope Mills, NC	$7,062,346.60

NON-CONFORMING BIDDERS
Lambert's Cable Splicing Company, LLC, Sharpsburg, NC
MNB Construction, Scranton, SC

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our normal channels on June 06, 2026, with a bid opening date of July 10, 2026. Bids were solicited from five (5) vendors and four (4) were received. The Electrical Engineering Department requests the rejection of bids that are non-conforming to specified bid requirements. **SDBE / SLS Participation:** River City Construction, LLC, of Washington, N.C. is not a small local or SDBE Business. River City Construction intends to self-perform the entirety of this project.

END OF CONSENT

IV. BID APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION – BABA GALVANIZED STEEL TRANSMISSION POLES

Mr. Bryant stated staff is recommending the approval of award for purchase of Inventory – BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles to WESCO Distribution, Mocksville, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of $3,414,390.00 and forward to City Council for approval. WESCO was the only conforming bidder. Carolina Power & Signalization would not hold their pricing for the specified time period that was communicated. They also did not submit their unit pricing in the form that was requested in the bid.

Inventory – BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles is budgeted in Warehouse Inventory.

Bid Date: September 10, 2026

Conforming Bidder	**Total Price**
WESCO Distribution, Mocksville, NC	$3,414,390.00

NON-CONFORMING BIDDER

Carolina Power & Signalization, Fayetteville, NC

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on August 20, 2026, with a bid opening date

of September 10, 2026. Bids were solicited from thirteen (13) vendors, and two (2) bids were received. The Electrical Engineering and Warehouse Department requests the rejection of bids that are non-conforming to specified bid requirements**. SDBE / SLS Participation** WESCO Distribution Inc., Mocksville, NC, is not a small local or SDBE business. WESCO Distribution anticipates to self-perform this contract.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Christopher Davis motioned to approve the award for the BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles and forward to City Council for their approval. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved.

V. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety

Mr. Bryant emphasized that safety is more than a requirement; it is a commitment to employees, customers, and the community. He stressed the importance of remaining attentive, avoiding distracted driving and shortcuts, staying physically and mentally prepared, monitoring changing conditions, following established procedures, using proper protective equipment, and reporting unsafe conditions. He urged employees to look out for one another, noting that every safe decision matters and everyone has the responsibility and authority to stop unsafe work. He reaffirmed PWC's commitment to ensuring everyone returns home safely.

People

Mr. Bryant emphasized PWC's core value of appreciating and respecting all people through care for employees, support for their well-being, and recognition of each person's contributions. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, he expressed support for those facing the disease, honored survivors, remembered those lost, and acknowledged affected families and caregivers.

He also recognized Customer Service Week and thanked customer service representatives and all employees who serve as PWC ambassadors, whether working directly with customers or supporting those who do. He emphasized that every employee helps create positive experiences, build trust, and deliver meaningful value to the community.

Community Engagement/Customer Engagement

Mr. Bryant stated that PWC's community and customer engagement reflects its commitment to being a reliable utility provider, good neighbor, and strong community partner. He encouraged employees and residents to vote, noting that the voting season would begin October 15th. He emphasized that voting gives citizens and employees a voice in local leadership and public priorities affecting utility governance, infrastructure, investment, affordability, reliability, and long-term resilience. Informed voting strengthens local accountability and helps ensure essential services reflect the community's needs and values.

Running the Business

Mr. Bryant reported that PWC responded to several severe weather events in recent weeks, including the tornado the previous weekend. Through coordination, teamwork, and a shared commitment to service, employees safely and efficiently restored power and water services throughout the region.

He thanked everyone who supported the response and continued to make a difference for customers. He also announced that PWC would hold a groundbreaking the following Wednesday at the PO Hoffer Treatment Plant to mark construction of granular activated carbon filtration systems for the PO Hoffer and Glenville Lake Treatment Plants. These systems represent PWC's first step toward mitigating PFAS impacts on drinking water throughout the region.

VI. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Thompson

Council Member Thompson apologized for missing several recent meetings due to scheduling commitments. He thanked staff for providing information for his Chat and Chews and answering questions during Council meetings. He also noted that PWC restored power in northeastern Fayetteville on the day of the storm.

County Chairman Kirk deViere

Commissioner deViere thanked outgoing Chair Commissioner Richard King for his leadership and collaboration with the County in advancing its infrastructure needs. He looked forward to continuing that partnership with incoming Chairwoman Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and emphasized the importance of close coordination.

Echoing Mayor Pro Tem Thompson's remarks, Commissioner deViere commended PWC's tornado response and thanked its workers for their professionalism during the rapidly evolving situation. He expressed appreciation for PWC employees and other first responders who faced hazardous conditions while residents sought shelter. He noted that the County continued to receive state-level reports on the storm's impact.

Commissioner deViere also expressed appreciation for the collaboration between PWC and County staff. With the Chemours settlement concluded, he emphasized their continued focus on providing water and sewer services to the community and reported positive feedback from his team.

Commissioner Richard King

Commissioner King congratulated Commissioner Garrett on becoming chair. His hope is by the end of her term, she feels successful in that all these balls that we have in the air come down and we get to the finish line.

He also commented on Butler Warner and its 50 years in operation. He stated Butler Warner and the solar farms are our revenue streams. He stated if it wasn't for this generation plant the rates would be higher. This is a revenue stream that not many communities have and we must maintain it and keep it in good shape for another 50 years.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

Commissioner Davis congratulated Commissioner Garrett on her election as chairwoman. He is looking forward to the next year. He also thanked Commissioner King for his leadership in pushing and prodding them forward.

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter commended Commissioner King for his service, noting that a year can pass quickly and leave a chair questioning what was accomplished. He assured Commissioner King that he had done a wonderful job and noted that the Board's officer rotation provides opportunities to serve as chair again. Commissioner Porter congratulated Commissioner Garrett on her second term as chairwoman, noting that she brings greater knowledge and experience to the position than when she first served.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated Commissioner King brings a passion to the team that we all share, but his business acumen, ties to the local community and his never-ending questions about process, which we need are appreciated. She stated the community needs to know and feel confident that the Commission does that behind closed doors and in front of everybody and we appreciate what he's brought to the table. She is glad he is here and he's said the whole year, when he looks back he wants to make sure he made a difference. And she stated he has made a significant difference. We all bring something very different to the table.

Commissioner Garrett reaffirmed her commitment to the partnership among the City, the County, and PWC, which she called the "trifecta" during her first term as chairwoman. She emphasized that each entity's success depends on the others. While disagreements are inevitable, she and the Board remain committed to ongoing dialogue, transparency, and common ground in serving the same community—as ratepayers, citizens, or constituents—and making the Greater Fayetteville Area an outstanding place to live. Returning for a second term as chairwoman, she expects to build on lessons learned about challenges, priorities, and effective approaches. She looks forward to working with the other three Commissioners, drawing on their collective ideas, professional expertise, and dedication to their responsibilities and fiduciary role.

Commissioner Garrett recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Public Power Week, highlighting PWC's ElectriCities People Focused Award. She emphasized that employees who live, work, and care about the community shape PWC's culture and noted that she frequently sees them working throughout the area. During the tornado, she followed social media updates and received reports from others while safely at home. She thanked PWC employees and other first responders for entering areas others were leaving to seek safety.

VII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

A. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – September 2026
B. Investment Report – September 2026
C. Purchase Orders – September 2026
D. Financial Statement Recaps
   - Electric Systems – July 2026
   - Water/Wastewater – July 2026
E. Personnel Report – September 2026
F. LGRS Letter – September 2026
G. Career Opportunities
H. Actions by City Council during the meeting of September 28, 2026, related to PWC:

- Approved Bid Recommendation - Purchase of Two (2) Prefabricated Relay Control Houses for POD 5 and POD 1
- Approved to Adopt Resolution to Accept a State Reserve Loan Offer Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 for the PO Hoffer Glenville Lake GAC Construction Projects
- Approved to Adopt Resolution to Amend and Accept a State Revolving Loan Offer Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 for the PO Hoffer Glenville Lake GAC Construction Projects

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Richard King, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.