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SWUCI Annual Meeting

November 16, 2010
5:00 p.m.
South Walton Utility Company, Inc.
Main Office
369 Miramar Beach Drive

All members are encouraged to attend. Elections for the SWUCI Board of Directors will be held. For nomination instructions, see page 2.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS

SOUTH WALTON UTILITY COMPANY, INC.
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CUSTOMER NAME(S) _____

SWUCI _____

ACCOUNT _____

NUMBER(S) _____

Please deduct payments from my:

- Checking Account
- Savings Account

Direct debits will occur on the 1st of the month. If the 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, direct-debit entries will be deducted on the next working day after the 1st. Please allow two (2) weeks processing time before your direct-debit order is operational.

SOUTH WALTON UTILITY COMPANY, INC., IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS AN ELECTRONIC DEBIT — FROM THE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED ABOVE — ONCE A MONTH IN THE AMOUNT OF MY MONTHLY WATER/SEWER BILL.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Please be sure to include a voided check for bank account verification, and mail together with this completed form to:

**South Walton Utility Company, Inc.
369 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938**

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South Walton Utility Company Mission Statement

"From water to wastewater, our mission is to provide our members quality and reliable service in a responsive and equitable manner."



In the Pipeline: AWT Plant Upgrade & Wetlands Application System Project

With the Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) Plant upgrade coming to an end, construction has now started on the second phase of the project. This new endeavor will focus on the disposal of reclaimed water—a project known to us as the Wetlands Application System.

Through this system, effluent from the plant will be sent to the Emerald Bay, Regatta Bay and Kelly Plantation wetlands. PVC pipe is being buried along Emerald Coast Parkway, Emerald Bay Golf Course, Destin Commons and Danny Wuerffel Way to carry the reclaimed water away from the

plant. With conservation of the wetlands being our highest priority, extensive testing was conducted in preparation for the project and future testing will continuously monitor our efforts.



Emerald Bay Wetlands site

Destin Commons Wetland site

Service Flag

You may have noticed that earlier this month the small star flag on SWUCI's flag pole was taken down. It is the service flag and whenever someone inside our SWUCI family has a personal family member serving in the military overseas, we proudly fly the flag until they return home. We are happy to announce that all of SWUCI's family members are home safely.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

South Walton Utility Company, Inc. (SWUCI) is member-owned and operated. We rely on a key group of dedicated volunteers to keep the company headed in the right direction. As a member of SWUCI, you have the opportunity to help decide who that group is by voting on the Board of Directors.

"As a member of SWUCI, you have a voice in the selection of our Board of Directors," said Pete DeBogory, SWUCI General Manager. "The upcoming election is your opportunity to make your voice heard."

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to three-year terms. The current Board appoints a nominating committee to recommend candidates for upcoming vacancies. Individual members can also make Board nominations. Directors and officers receive no compensation for their services.

Members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings are generally held the fourth Tuesday of the month but may change so call the office to confirm the date.

Current Board members are:

Jack J. McGill – President, Board member since 1997

Mike Flynt – Vice-President, Board member since 2000

Mike Richardson – Secretary, Board member since 1997

Bill Berberich – Treasurer, Board member since 2001

David Brown – Board member since 2004

Peter M. Abt – Board member since 2009

Bill McQuillan – Board member since 2006



MEET JAMES GARDINER

Wastewater Operator

In March 1997, James Gardiner joined South Walton Utility as a part-time employee working in his off-duty time while stationed at Hurlburt Field. Now, after retiring from the Air Force, James is putting his Florida Wastewater Operator's license to good use as a full-time employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As our Advanced Wastewater Treatment project comes to an end, James' co-workers welcome him to the team as they continue to learn new equipment and procedures together.

Rules for Nominations from the Membership

HOW TO NOMINATE A DIRECTOR

Any member of SWUCI can nominate a candidate for election to the Board of Directors by following these guidelines:

- 1. The individual(s) being nominated must be an eligible member of SWUCI.**
 - To be an eligible member of SWUCI, the individual must have an active account as of the nomination record date of September 15.
 - Once elected to the Board of Directors, an individual can serve on the Board only so long as that individual remains an eligible member of the company.
- 2. You must prepare a petition nominating the individual of your choice on which you have presented sufficient information to validate that individual's status as an eligible member of SWUCI. A separate petition is required for each individual being nominated.**
 - The petition must include the signatures, addresses and account numbers of fifteen (15) eligible members of SWUCI in addition to the individual being nominated who are eligible as of the nomination record date of September 15, 2010.
- 3. You must provide a short (one page) biography of the individual being nominated which specifically sets forth the qualifications you feel this individual possesses which will make him/her an asset to SWUCI and its members by serving on the Board of Directors. Please keep in mind that this individual, if elected, will be expected to attend the monthly Board meetings, the Annual Member meetings and any special meetings as properly called.**
- 4. All of this information must be delivered to SWUCI by mail or delivery to the Administrative Offices of SWUCI, 369 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938.**
 - This information must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 30.
 - This time frame is required to permit the individual's name and biography to be included on the printed ballot that will be mailed to all members.
 - Petitions received after that date cannot be accepted and will not be considered.
- 5. Nominations for Directors will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.**

A Letter From the President



The wild oil well has been capped...the beaches are clean... and the water is beautiful. Please pass that word on to your friends and relatives.

Our area has suffered through another long summer negatively affected by events beyond our control. Due to the oil spill, we have experienced a slight reduction in our normal summertime revenue, and we have made a claim to BP to recover lost revenue for the month of June. We anticipate making a similar claim for July.

I am glad to announce that our two year construction project has been successful and it is coming to a close. By the end of October, 2010 we will have spent approximately \$20 million dollars to upgrade our wastewater treatment plant and extend our reclaimed water lines to our permitted wetland discharges. We began planning this project in 2004...it takes that long to design, permit and construct a project of this magnitude. Upon completion, we believe this project will serve us through buildout in our area, and could possibly be the last major construction project for our wastewater system (assuming EPA doesn't change the rules).

We are planning a Founders Day OPEN HOUSE on September 22, 2010 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for our

members and special guests. Please plan to come, tour our facilities, enjoy a hamburger or hot dog and meet the people that make our system work.

An important facet of our member owned corporation is our Annual Members meeting and election of Directors. Each Board member is elected for a 3 year term. This year one of those terms expire, and an election of replacement board members will be held on November 16, 2010 at the Annual Members meeting to be held at our Miramar Beach Drive offices at 5PM.

Any member wishing to be considered for a seat on the Board should contact our offices, and get a copy of the "Rules for Nomination From the Membership" which describes Board member qualification requirements, dates of submittal, etc. We urge all members to be alert for further information regarding our election.

As always, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve the community.

Jack McGill, President

Founder's Day Celebration Open House – SWUCI Turns 42!

On September 22, SWUCI will mark its 42nd year in business by holding an annual Open House to celebrate Founder's Day. Members will enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs while learning more about their utility and its history.

Incorporated in 1968, SWUCI was spearheaded in 1966 by Col. Michael Grimaldi. He led an organization of prospective customers for the purpose of obtaining a community water

and wastewater system.

"The story goes that several friends were sitting around Colonel Grimaldi's dining room table in 1966, and the decision was made that water and wastewater systems were necessary," says Pete DeBogory, SWUCI General Manager. "They needed 80 founding members to contribute \$10 each. As soon as they reached 80, the company was born."

