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Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority Announces 2005 Board Appointments

The Board of Commissioners at Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority has elected its officers for 2005. The officers are as follow:

- J. D. Martin, Chairman
- John V. Boyette, Jr., Vice Chairman
- Willie J. Whittaker, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

J.D. Martin has been re-elected as Chairman for his second consecutive year. A Commissioner since 2001, Martin's experience in building and development has proven valuable to Western Carolina's Board. Martin has worked for over 25 years in land planning and development and in the home building industry. Additionally, Martin's business, administrative and problem-solving skills will continue to be an asset to Western Carolina's Board. Martin is currently the CEO of Arbor Engineering, Inc. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Clemson.

Vice Chairman John V. Boyette was appointed to the Board in February of last year. Boyette's experience in management and knowledge of wastewater facilities has made him an excellent addition to the Board of Commissioners. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clemson University and has 36 years of experience designing manufacturing plants and their wastewater pretreatment facilities. He is actively involved in numerous professional organizations and presently serves on the Board of Governors for the Commerce Club. He has also held board positions for the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Consulting Engineers of SC, and the Bank of America. He is currently the Real Estate Director for Clemson's International Automotive Research Center in Greenville.

Secretary/Treasurer Willie J. Whittaker, a retired teacher and science consultant for the Greenville County School District, has served on the Western Carolina Commission for 20 years. He attended Clemson University, Howard University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned his Masters in Biology at Atlanta University. Using his expertise in biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental education, Whittaker has helped Western Carolina develop nature trails, workshops for teachers, and leadership training programs. The Authority would like to thank all three of its officers for their years of service on the Board and welcome them to their new positions.

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority celebrates 75 years of environmental stewardship. The organization provides wastewater treatment services to over 400,000 industrial,

commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg and Laurens Counties. Western Carolina operates and maintains 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 11 major wastewater treatment facilities. For more information about the newly appointed officers or about Western Carolina Regional Sewer authority, please contact Ray Orvin at (864) 299-4000.

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