NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH
THE POLK COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the North Carolina Water and Sewer Authorities Act (Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended by Session Law 2023-126), a public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., on March 17, 2025, at Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, located at 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, North Carolina 28722, on a proposed resolution to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Polk County, North Carolina signifying its determination to organize the Polk County Regional Water Authority under Section 3(a)(1) of said Act, which resolution will authorize the execution of the Articles of Incorporation of the Polk County Regional Water Authority substantially in the form set forth below.

The proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Polk County Regional Water Authority are as follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

POLK COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

In compliance with the North Carolina Water and Sewer Authorities Act, being Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended by Session Law 2023-126,

the Board of Commissioners for Polk County, North Carolina, the Board of the Directors for the Broad River Water Authority of North Carolina, and the Inman-Campobello Water District Commission of South Carolina, each pursuant to a resolution signifying its determination to organize an Authority under Article 1 of the Act, hereby certify the following:

1. Name. This Authority The name of such Authority shall be the Polk County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority").

2. Authority. The Authority is organized pursuant to Section 162A-3(a)(1) of the North Carolina Water and Sewer Authorities Act, as amended. The Authority shall be a public body and a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina and shall have all powers, rights, and responsibilities granted by Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

3. Organizing Political Subdivisions. The names of the organizing political subdivisions of the Authority are:

a. Polk County, North Carolina,
b. The Broad River Water Authority of North Carolina, and
c. The Inman-Campobello Water District of South Carolina.

4. Members. The Board of Directors of the Authority initially shall be

a. Tommy Melton
Polk County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 308
Columbus, North Carolina 28722

b. Marche Pittman
Polk County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 308
Columbus, North Carolina 28722

a. Mickey Bland
Broad River Water Authority
112 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, North Carolina 28139

b. Maria Hunnicutt
Broad River Water Authority
112 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, North Carolina 28139

c. Craig Sims
Inman-Campobello Water District
5 Prospect Street

Inman, South Carolina 29349

d. Jeff Walker
Inman-Campobello Water District
5 Prospect Street
Inman, South Carolina 29349

e. David Odom
Odom Engineering
169 Oak Street
Forest City, North Carolina 28043

Membership, including terms and subsequent appointments, shall be governed by Article 1, Chapter 162A of the North Carolina General Statutes as supplemented by the bylaws of the Authority.

5. Terms. The members of the Authority shall be limited to two members to be appointed from time to time by the political subdivisions and an additional independent member appointed by the political subdivisions as provided in the bylaws. The members shall serve three-year terms staggered as provided in the bylaws.

6. Principal Office. The Principal Office of the Authority shall be the Polk County Administration Building, located at 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, North Carolina 28722 and with mailing address PO Box 308, Columbus, North Carolina 28722.

7. Effective date. The Authority shall be effective upon the adoption of a resolution by each organizing political subdivision signifying their determination to organize such Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Polk County, North Carolina has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed by the Chairman of its Board of Commissioners and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of said Board; the Broad River Water Authority has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed by the Chairman of its Board of Directors and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of said Board; and the Inman-Campobello Water District has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed by the Chairman of its Board of Commissioners and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of said Board, all as of this the 17th day of March, 2025.