

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

PRESENT: Greg Dunn, Commission Chairman
 Herb Frady, Commissioner
 A.G. VanLandingham, Commissioner
 Ken Steele, Mayor of Fayetteville
 Bobby Butler, Mayor, Town of Brooks
 Bill McNally, County Attorney
 Tony Parrott, Water System Manager
 Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Linda Wells, Commission Vice Chair

Chairman Greg Dunn convened the meeting, stating the purpose of this meeting was to comply with Senate Bill 130 requirements to appoint either the Chairman of the Fayette County Commission or one of the two Mayors in the County who have withdrawal or discharge permits to the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Board of Directors. He remarked that the reason the Mayor of Peachtree City was not present was because their discharge permits are in the name of the Water and Sewer Authority and the bill specifically excluded authorities from the makeup of the District Board.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there would be six permanent members on the M.N.G.W.P. District Board, including the five large counties and the City of Atlanta. He said there would be ten appointed members with six being appointed by the Governor, six being appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and two appointed by the House Speaker. He said this meant that the permanent membership of the Board would consist of sixteen people. He said the remaining thirteen counties would either have a Mayor or County Chairman representing them and they would alternate every three years, unless the statute changes. He said if the County Chairman was selected today he would serve three years and then one of the Mayors would serve the next three years. He said the following three years it would come back to the County.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there was a provision in the law that stated that any County could opt out of this water district, or they could apply to be removed from the District. He remarked that two counties, Barrow and Carroll, had done that. He said, however, the only way you would get out of this District would be to have a resolution passed by the County asking to be allowed out that would then have to be approved by Harold Reheis. He said these two counties were able to get out during the time the statute was being crafted based on some technical considerations. He said these two counties did not draw water from any of the five river basins to be studied or from Lake Lanier. He said he had spoken with the Atlanta Regional Commission yesterday about this and they said Harold Reheis had informed

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them already that he would not approve any other jurisdiction's request to come out of the District. Dunn also said he felt if Fayette County did manage to be removed from the District that it would still be accountable to comply with the Board's decisions.

Chairman Dunn said there were only eleven remaining counties and there were already sixteen permanent members of the Board. He remarked that the A.R.C. was the administrating agency for this Board and that it would be run like the A.R.C., including dues that would be collected from each participating entity. He said the Board itself would arrive at a dues structure to raise approximately \$2 million in the first year.

Chairman Dunn remarked the law was very specific as to what the District Board was going to do. He said in the first three years specific plans for a regional watershed must be developed for storm water management, wastewater treatment, water supply, water conservation and general protection of water quality. He said the only decision today is who should be the first person to represent Fayette County on the District Board. He said he was open for any discussion.

Commissioner Frady remarked that Chairman Dunn already worked with some of these people at the A.R.C., so it would make sense that he would serve the first three years.

Chairman Dunn said there would also be some technical committees formed but they would not be sorted out until the District Board has met and determined what would be needed to supplement the A.R.C. staff. He said there would be six other advisory committees, five from the five river basins and one from Lake Lanier and Fayette County would have representation on the advisory committee made up of entities in the Flint River Basin. He said it was his assumption and his desire that even though only one out of the three entities present would serve on the District Board of Directors, that the other entities would need to lend their experts to participate on the technical and advisory committees, which could include the Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority, the County's Water Committee, Fayetteville's Water and Sewer Department. He added that in order to serve the best interest of our community, especially within a agency as large as this one would be, that we would need all the knowledge and expertise we have available in Fayette County to serve on committees wherever possible.

Commissioner Frady asked if the Peachtree City Water Authority would be eligible to serve and Chairman Dunn reaffirmed that they could, by all means, have seats on the technical committees.

Mayor Butler of Brooks asked if the Town of Brooks had a withdrawal permit and Chairman Dunn replied yes, the Town of Brooks has a withdrawal permit for its well.

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Mayor Steele said he did not have any feelings one way or the other about who should serve the initial three years on the District Board. He said he had no problem with Chairman Dunn serving but expressed concern with guaranteeing that Chairman Dunn would be the Commission Chair for the next three years. He said he would not like to see Chairman Dunn on the District Board for a year and then the County lose the continuity in the event someone else became the County Commission Chair.

Chairman Dunn said that could happen because he only had a year and a half to serve on the Board of Commissioners. He said he may or may not run again for the County Commission and even if he ran he might not be the Chairman. He said the Chairman would be serving on this Board for the three year period and it could very well be a new person every year.

Mayor Steele suggested that an effort be made to try to ensure continuity during the developmental stages of this District Board. He also said he would definitely want representation on the technical committees because the City of Fayetteville had water and sewer. He said the City would also be starting storm water treatment in the future.

Chairman Dunn said he did not see any way to fill positions on the technical and advisory committees without our two largest municipalities and the County all being involved and added there were some very real issues underway right now and one was a request for an active withdrawal permit for the construction of the proposed Lake McIntosh. He asked when the County would hear if this request was approved and Water System Manager Tony Parrott replied he had received a letter acknowledging that D.N.R. had received the permit and they would let the county know something shortly.

Mayor Steele asked Mr. Parrott how many gallons the county was asking for and Mr. Parrott replied eight million gallons per day.

Mayor Steele asked what the county currently had in terms of withdrawal permit capacity and Mr. Parrott responded that the Flint River permit is for ten mgd, the Lake Horton permit is for eight mgd, the Starr's Mill Pond permit is for two mgd, the Line Creek permit is for two mgd and one and a half mgd out of Lakes Peachtree and Kedron.

Chairman Dunn stated there was also another permit application that he was aware of – that Peachtree City was asking for another one and a half mgd discharge permit into Line Creek.

On motion made by Commissioner Herb Frady and seconded by Mayor Bobby Butler to appoint Commission Chairman Greg Dunn to serve on the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Board for the first three years, the motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Prepared by: Karen Morley

Gregory M. Dunn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 10th day of May, 2001.

Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant