

WATER COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 24, 2001
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Watkins, Chairman
Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman
Tony Parrott
Chris Venice

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally
Jim Mallett

ABSENT:

Chris Cofty

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUESTS:

Dave Hamrick, Fayette Citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Watkins at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2001.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2001. There was no opposition.

II. BID OPENING FOR MISCELLANEOUS FENCING.

Mr. Mallett reported the sites that need fencing are the Porter Road tank site, Ellis Road tank site and Brooks Creek Wetland site. There were three bidders. Low bidder was Texas Commercial Fence Company at \$96,695.00. The next bidder was Langbecker at \$119,572.52, and high bidder was at \$141,920.00. He stated the references on Texas Commercial Fence have been checked. They are reputable, and have done good work for other people. He recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the low bidder, Texas Commercial Fence Company at \$96,695.00. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

III. REQUEST TO USE LAKE HORTON FOR A MOVIE.

Mr. Parrott reported that he received a request from Ella Vision Entertainment to film part of a movie at Lake Horton. They want the lake as a background, they will not be in the water. They want to do the filming at night. The Committee discussed a Marshal staying with them while they are filming. The Committee further discussed charging for use of the lake for commercial purposes. Vice Chairman Dr. Patton suggested contacting someone he knows that is president of a production company. He could give some suggestions how to handle these requests. Mr. McNally stated the contract insures they carry their own insurance.

IV. SECURITY.

Mr. Parrott explained a committee within the County is looking at security at the water plants. Lighting and additional fencing have been suggested. Any additional lighting at the South Fayette facility will impact the neighbors. He went on to say the Marshal has recommended a ten foot fence be installed and the cost estimate is \$110,000.00. The committee discussed at length the necessary steps that should be taken to protect the Water System. Mr. Parrott explained he is working with the security company on different options, such as additional cameras.

Chairman Watkins expressed concern about someone tainting the water through a fire hydrant. He suggested those who use the hydrants to get water be given some type of identification for their truck for the public to see. Also, encourage our customers to call in if they see someone using a hydrant that might not have permission.

Mr. Parrott stated that we have tightened security each time something has happened, after the bombing in Oklahoma, for the Olympics, and the bombing at the World Trade Center. We have tightened security regularly over the years.

Chairman Watkins asked about the chlorine safety. Mr. Parrott stated there are alarms on it and they are considering cameras for surveillance. The vacuum system will automatically shut down if chlorine is released. He will have more information for the next meeting.

V. OPEN HOUSE AT SOUTH FAYETTE WATER PLANT.

Mr. Parrott will check with the Board for their pleasure on a date for the open house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chris Venice made a motion and Tony Parrott seconded to adjourn to executive session for discussion of one legal item.

The County Attorney advised the Committee on one legal item. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 14th day of Novemer, 2001.

Lisa Gillis