

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 23, 2001**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**               Chuck Watkins, Chairman  
  Dr. George Patton  
  Tony Parrott  
  Chris Venice  
  Chris Cofty

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**       Bill McNally

**ABSENT:**                         Jim Mallett

**STAFF PRESENT:**               David Jaegar

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

**I.       APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2001.**

Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2001. There was no opposition.

**II.     OPEN HOUSE FOR SOUTH FAYETTE WATER PLANT.**

David Jaegar presented a rubbing of the plaque that will be placed at the plant. The committee agreed to two changes, move Chuck Watkins to Chairman of the Water Committee and Harold Bost as a contributing commissioner. The tentative date for the open house is sometime in July. Discussion followed about the menu, time of day, inside or outside and how many people to invite.

Chairman Watkins appointed a committee of Mr. McNally, Mr. Parrott, and Mrs. Venice to work on the details for the open house.

Mr. Parrott reported the water plant is staffed, but we are not producing water yet. Some chemicals have been delivered, and they are finishing up the concrete work. Mr. Jaegar commented the plant building and equipment is 95 to 96 percent complete. Anthracite is scheduled for delivery in a few days. Pumps for the pump station are scheduled for delivery on June 1, and to be installed within ten days.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that we have received the Permit to Operate the water plant. We have not received the withdrawal permit. The State is still asking for some incidental information, such as a change in the 1997 water use by the ARC. Pat Stevens sent Clay Burdette a letter about it. They wanted the operating procedures for the new staff gauge on the Flint River. USGS is to come down the first of June. They also wanted an update on our Water Conservation Plan.

Chairman Watkins asked for an update on the 92 tank. Mr. Jaegar stated the foundation is done. They are now doing some modifications to the pipework (the yard piping). The last schedule he had for the contractor had the actual structural erection and delivery of materials in May. They are close to being on site to start erection of the tank.

### **III. BID OPENING - WATER LINE EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Jaegar distributed copies of the bid tabulation from the bid opening for the Annual Contract for Waterline Extensions held on May 17. There were five bidders. Shockley Plumbing was the low bidder at \$694,450.00. He was substantially lower than the second place bid, which was Brent Scarborough at \$908,652.00. Mr. Jaegar went on to say that he has discussed with Mr. Shockley his bid and the fact that he is substantially lower. Mr. Shockley assured him that he is standing by his numbers and has reviewed it after the bid and is comfortable with it. Shockley Plumbing has done work for the County before. He is qualified to do the work. He recommended the contract be awarded to Shockley Plumbing.

Mr. Parrott commented some of the biggest differences in the bid were the bore and jack, and the casing.

Dr. Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the low bidder, Kenny Shockley Plumbing, for the Annual Contract for Waterline Extensions. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

### **IV. UPDATE ON LAKE MCINTOSH.**

Mr. Parrott informed the committee about two items from Coweta County. It relates to the Fayette County short term work schedule that they get to review. There are comments from Harry Hughes, and also from their Director of Engineering. Chris Venice explained this is a five year update that we need to do to our comprehensive plan listing current projects. The ARC distributes the plan to surrounding communities for their comments. This is what we received from Coweta County. No one attended the public hearing that was held. We just got the written comments.

**V. LAKE PEACHTREE AND LAKE PEACHTREE DAM.**

Mr. Parrott reported the Environmental Protection Division Safe Dams Program sent us a letter wanting to know about the Lake Peachtree dam. They are doing a re-inventory. We are not the owner of the dam, but we have an agreement with Peachtree City, where we are responsible for the dam and the intake structure. They will let us know if it needs to be reclassified. Mr. Parrott stated that as far as he knows, nothing has been built downstream of the dam that would change the Category 2 that it is currently classified. A Category 2 is treated different from Category 1, since there is no loss of life.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that he had a request from the Peachtree City engineer to dredge Lake Peachtree. When the review is done, the clock starts ticking and we have six months to dredge the lake. In 1986 we dredged the lake. In 1992 we reviewed the lake and the City and the County agreed it did not need to be dredged. The next cycle is 2002. The contract says "on each successive eight year period is complete Peachtree City and the County will jointly inspect and test the condition of those areas set out previously. Any dredging necessary to reach the standard that is established shall be accomplished within six months of said eight year period."

Mr. McNally commented on a meeting with the Peachtree City attorney. Mr. McNally explained to him that we are bringing the Horton Creek plant on line and with the drought situation being what it is, then would be a feasible time for us to dredge the lake. With that in mind, we can appreciate them wanting to be sure the lake is dredged out. The drought is a consideration the Water System has to look at. The treatment plant is coming on line. 2002 is the date we were looking at. Hopefully by then we will be out of this drought situation. It is our duty to keep the lake clean, but no one anticipated a four year drought cycle.

Mr. Parrott stated the dredging process takes more paperwork now than it did in 1986. The Corp of Engineers has requirements. He expressed concern about six months being a tight process. The Water System has to look at the schedule to be sure we are not out of compliance. He suspects there will be some required dredging. We will have to schedule accordingly. The areas to be dredged are by contract and have been agreed upon.

Chairman Watkins suggested notifying homeowners around the lake to try to coordinate any dock repairs at the same time.

**VI. UPDATE ON RADIO METER READING SYSTEM.**

Mr. Parrott reported that another 6,000 meters have been ordered for the next phase.

We have been recycling newer meters within the system. Now we have reached the time that we don't need to be recycling the meters. We are getting to the point where the majority will be radio read. He asked for the committee's thoughts on getting rid of 20,000 meters that we will have at the end of this project. Badger will give a per meter trade-in. The other choice would be to sell them as scrap. With 20,000 at \$3.00 each scrap, it would be \$60,000. The committee discussed advertising this.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to bid out the sale of scrap meters taken out during the installation of the Radio Read meters. Dr. Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

### **INFORMATION**

Mr. Parrott informed the committee the ARC is working with DNR on the source water assessment program for the metro area. The meeting was yesterday. He distributed a report to the committee. Lake Horton does not have any facilities in the area that would have a danger of contamination. There are no service stations, or businesses within seventeen square miles. This is fifty percent of the total water supply for the County. The only watershed we have that got a high ranking was the Flint River.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Parrott made a motion and Dr. Patton seconded to adjourn to executive session for discussion of two potential legal items.

The County Attorney briefed the Committee on two potential legal items. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

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Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 13th day of June, 2001.

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Lisa Gillis

