

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 9, 2002**  
**MINUTES**

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

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**                Bill McNally  
    Jim Mallett

**STAFF PRESENT:**                        Russell Ray

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

**I.        APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 14, 2001.**

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 14, 2001. There was no opposition.

**II.       SECURITY.**

Mr. Parrott distributed packets of information for committee review on suggested security measures. Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to go forward with Option number 4, as well as install a six foot fence at the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

**II.       LAKE PEACHTREE DREDGING.**

Mr. Mallett reported that the survey control is in and they have started the field work on the lake. The report on the survey should be complete by the end of January. Discussion followed about the various dredging methods available. The bid will be for more than one method. The contract can be written to be sure the staging area will be returned to its original condition once the project is complete. The committee discussed Drake Field as an option for the staging area. This location is highly visible and there is concern about this visibility. Survey data is being gathered on all seven sites in the lake.

Mr. Parrott commented that he will make a formal request to the Corp for a 404 permit,

although it does not appear that we will need one. We will only be removing lake material.

### **III. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2002.**

Mr. Parrott made a recommendation to approve the meeting schedule for 2002 as presented. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF MAILING A SEPTAGE BROCHURE.**

Mrs. Venice stated in May she presented an issue paper that the Environmental Committee put together. The paper discussed the number of septic systems, maintenance, failure and some suggestions as to how we could approach resolving the problems with failing septic systems. Also, to encourage people to maintain their systems properly through a public education program. The Board of Health received the issue paper positively. She suggested proceeding with providing citizens with a brochure. She presented an example to the committee. The brochure includes basic information about how a septic system works, what to put in it, what not to put in it, and a place to draw your system. The paper had suggested providing a brochure to everyone currently on a septic system and then provide the brochure in new construction. This would help them be aware that they are on a septic system, and have some idea how to use it. Many people moving in have no idea how a septic system works.

She summarized by saying there are approximately 17,000 septic systems in Fayette County. We are permitting approximately 580 units per year. The estimate for printing was 72 cents each, (\$14,500.00). This would give every current user a brochure, as well as give us enough brochures for the next five years. The Board of Health said they might be interested in helping fund this. They don't have much money, but they felt it was important enough that they would see what they had in their budget. The Planning Department is also working on something for the web site on education and maintenance.

The committee discussed the cost of mailing and options for printing that might be less costly.

### **INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Parrott referred to a request from Coweta County to forward engineering of the Lake McIntosh surveys, designs, and erosion & sediment control plans. This information is not available at the present time.

Mr. Parrott reported that Lake Horton is 4.9 feet low and Lake Kedron is about 7 feet low. The Water System has been pumping water from the Flint River since the snow started melting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Tony Parrott made a motion and Vice Chairman Dr. Patton seconded to adjourn to executive session for discussion of three legal items and one real estate item.**

**Attorney McNally advised the committee on three legal items. No action was taken.  
Attorney McNally briefed the committee on one item of real estate. No action was taken.**

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

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**Chuck Watkins**

**The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.**

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**Lisa Gillis**