

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2002**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Watkins, Chairman  
Chris Cofty  
Tony Parrott  
Chris Venice

**ABSENT:** Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Russell Ray

**VISITORS:** Larry Turner, PTCWASA  
John Munford, The Citizen

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2002.**

Tony Parrott made the motion and Chris Venice seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 13, 2002. There was no opposition.

**II. REPORT ON LAKE MCINTOSH.**

Attorney McNally reported that we hosted people from EPA, Fish and Wildlife and Army Corp of Engineers to visit the site. We are awaiting comments from each agency to the Corp of Engineers. The Corp has extended the comment period.

**III. WATERLINE EXTENSION POLICY.**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**IV. LAKE PEACHTREE DREDGING.**

Attorney McNally commented that he has worked out details of one paragraph with the attorney. He has forwarded it on to the City and the Authority for their review.

**V. BID OPENING - NEW HOPE ROAD WATERLINE.**

Mr. Mallett distributed the bid tabulation. There were seven bidders. Low bidder was Ronny D. Jones, Enterprises at \$1,675,228.50. Second low bidder was Mid South at \$1,737,325.00. He went on to say that we have worked with Ronny Jones before on several

projects and have no problems with him. He recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder.

Tony Parrott made the motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners accepting the low bidder, Ronny Jones at \$1,675,228.50. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

#### **VI. SEPTIC BROCHURE.**

Chris Venice distributed copies with changes noted. She met with Environmental Health and went through the brochure that is being considered for purchase. Changes were made based on Water Committee discussions and Environmental Health Department concerns. On the first page the maintenance record will be extended. The septic system installer will be taken off, since most people don't know who the installer was. There is no warranty on the system. On the third page, the book advertisement has been taken out, more verbiage was added, and the pictures were moved down. Changes on the back page were about gray water and what is allowable in Georgia versus California. The creator of the brochure will make the changes based on an hourly rate.

Mrs. Venice went on to say the next step is to take this to the Health Department since they are concerned with getting information out to the public on septic tank maintenance. From there she will go to the Board of Commissioners to see if they would like to pursue it. Mr. McNally has a copy of the contract proposed by the creator of the brochure for review. Chairman Watkins suggested making a note that people can get a copy from the Health Department showing the platted area and a rough sketch of their septic lines. Mr. Turner asked if the Health Department is considering a permit system for approved haulers in Peachtree City. He mentioned this because he is concerned when the septage facility is put into operation, knowing who can dump there and that the waste is coming from Fayette County. Mrs. Venice stated there is a State list, and we could create a list for this purpose. Mr. Turner stated we will need to put some type of permit system in place before we start taking the septage. A billing system will also need to be set up.

Mrs. Venice explained she is working with the Water System on bulk mailing of the brochures for the initial mailing. They will be given to the Building and Inspections Department for them to leave when they do the final C/O. They will also be available on the counter at the Environmental Health Department and other places.

#### **VII. CONTROL VALVES AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR WATER PLANTS.**

Mr. Parrott explained that he has a small project he needs the Water Committee to recommend to the Board. The Crosstown Water Plant is now sixteen years old. We have some control valves that need to be replaced. Three of them cannot be rebuilt because they

don't make the rebuild kits anymore. The State is requiring that we put in two Chlorine Analyzers at each clear well. They also want two more turbidimeters. We check turbidity on every filter continuously. They now want one that catches all eight filters and gives a reading. There are eight filters at Crosstown and six at South Fayette. The control valves and additional testing equipment all ties into the SCADA system. We need engineering plans for the State to approve the testing equipment. We have to submit it to the Drinking Water Program before we can bid the job to get them approved. He recommended that Mr. Mallett proceed with getting a package together for DNR approval. Then bid the project. This also includes the control valve at the County line on Highway 74 from the City of Atlanta. It is worn out.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for Mallett & Associates to design and bid the project for control valves and additional equipment for the Water Plants. Chris Cofty seconded and there was no opposition.

#### **VIII. DISTRIBUTION SHOP.**

Mr. Parrott distributed a drawing of the distribution shop. Mr. Mallett explained the architect is proposing a split face block building that fronts on Dividend Drive. The other side of the building will be metal walls, which is much cheaper to build than block. This falls in line with what has been built around us. The final design will be completed soon.

Attorney McNally mentioned being cognizant of the required buffers. It would be wise to leave as much of a buffer as possible. Mr. Parrott remarked that both driveways will line up with Lawson Mardon across the street. The committee discussed the need for two driveways, the overall size of the building, delivery access, security at the plant, and material handling equipment.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

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Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 8th day of January, 2003.

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Lisa Gillis