

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 27, 2002**  
**MINUTES**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman Tony Parrott Chris Venice Chris Cofty
<b><u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</u></b>	Bill McNally Jim Mallett
<b><u>ABSENT:</u></b>	Chuck Watkins, Chairman
<b><u>GUEST:</u></b>	John Munford, The Citizen Newspaper

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton at 8:00 A.M.

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

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

**II. CRABAPPLE WATER TANK.**

Mr. Parrott reported the small tank in Peachtree City has been inspected for the paint job. The Crabapple tank was also inspected. Mr. Mallett explained that the inspector said the fluted column of the tank, interior and exterior, are fine. They do not need repainting. The interior of the tank (wet surface) has some rust spots, but at this time is not worth the effort to repaint them. He recommended repainting the roof of the tank. Mr. Mallett mentioned that we might want to paint the exterior shell, also. And put the logo back in black. The tank is reinspected every three years. The inspector estimated it would be five years before we need to paint the interior. Mr. Mallett suggested having the contractor do the test spots on the 250,000 gallon tank in Peachtree City.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to put out for bid painting the tank of the Crabapple tank, repainting the logo and having the same contractor do the test spots on the 250,000 gallon Peachtree City tank. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

**III. LAKE PEACHTREE DREDGING.**

Mr. Mallett reported he talked to Troy Besseche yesterday. Mr. Besseche feels that the City is not going to use the silt. We will probably have to have it hauled off. Mr. Besseche thinks the City will let us use Drake Field for our staging, storing, drying silt area. He will be sending a letter confirming this information. The Committee agreed to proceed once the letter is received.

**IV. SECURITY DISCUSSION.**

Mr. Parrott explained that increasing the fencing height at the South Fayette Water Plant has been part of the security discussion. The contractor that is working on the fence at the water tank gave Mr. Mallett a quote on the cost of additional fencing. There are two

options. Mr. Parrott distributed copies of the quote to the Committee for review.

Mr. Mallett explained that Option 2 leaves the old fence and puts the new fence inside at the toe of slope. It would save approximately \$24,000.00. Mr. Parrott commented that putting it where the existing fence is would mean clearing to get in there. This contractor was the low bidder on a job we are already doing. For security purposes having a fence in an area you can see would be his recommendation.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners Option 2 on additional fencing at the South Fayette Water Plant for a cost of \$60,103.00. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

**V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

Attorney McNally explained that the County has the opportunity to refinance the 1992 issue Water Bonds at a lower interest rate. This would result in a net savings to the Water System of \$1.6 million. There is an opportunity, should there be any Capital Improvement projects that we want to move forward on, to ask the Board for funds.

Mr. Parrott commented that we have a project on the Ellis Road tank site that has a pump station on it that would be \$1 million. The New Hope Road water line connecting the 92 tank with the Ellis Road tank would be about \$1.8 million. The property for the distribution shop has been purchased and we need to build this building. He estimated the cost at \$.8 million.

Chris Cofty made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to refinance the 1992 Water Bonds, to fund the Ellis Road tank site for \$1 million, the New Hope Road water line connecting the 92 Tank with the Ellis Road Tank for \$1.8 million, and construction of a new distribution shop on Dividend Drive for \$.8 million. This would be an additional \$3.6 million. Vice Chairman Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

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Dr. George Patton

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 24th day of April, 2002.

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Lisa Gillis

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