

WATER COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2002
MINUTES

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Chuck Watkins, Chairman Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman Tony Parrott
<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</u>	Bill McNally Jim Mallett
<u>STAFF PRESENT:</u>	Russell Ray
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Chris Cofty Chris Venice
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Jack Krakeel, Pete Nelms - Emergency Services John Munford - The Citizen Newspaper

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2002.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 24, 2002. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE PEACHTREE DREDGING.

Mr. Parrott reported they had met with Peachtree City. They are going to allow us to use Drake Field to mobilize with a driveway on Highway 54. The Water System will have to get a DOT permit. Mr. Mallett commented that he has the boundary and topo. He is working on the plans now. He plans to bid the job allowing the contractors to bid any method they want, barging, dredging, floating barge on the water, draining the lake. We will then review they ways the want to do it and determine which one is the best price and method good for the County.

Discussion followed pertaining to dropping the lake for homeowners to work on their docks and whether the lake needed to be full for the dredging operation to be done.

III. WARNING SIREN FOR PAVILION AREA.

Pete Nelms explained they are asking for placement of a severe warning siren as part of an ongoing process. The sirens warn residents, in this case, shoppers at the Pavilion, of impending severe weather. The sirens are set off at the 911 center. The siren representative stated that one of the best sites to place this is the new water tank site on Ellis Road. Two reasons this is a good site are because of close proximity to the Pavilion and there are no easements or right of ways to get for placement because the County owns the property. He went on to say that they are requesting permission to place a warning siren on the Ellis Road

site.

Mr. Nelms added that the sirens are very inconspicuous. They sit on top of a telephone pole. They are ten stacked, and the range is about 5,000 feet. It would cover the Pavilion area, the residential area behind the water tank, and the surrounding area on Pine Trail and Banks Road. The sirens are omni directional, so the sound goes out in a 360 degree area.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to allow the warning siren to be placed on the Ellis Road tank site. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

Chief Krakeel explained there will be about 45 sirens County wide. They plan to place two sirens per year over time. They are placing them in the areas where there is the most potential for damage. Mr. Nelms added that this was initially done through a grant through the Georgia Emergency Management and FEMA. There is very little expense for the County.

IV. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

Mr. McNally reported that once the package is submitted, a fifteen to thirty day period of review for the agency will begin. Then we will have a sixty day period in which we will need to hold a public hearing.

METROPOLITAN NORTH GEORGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT

Mr. Parrott commented that the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District has a draft model stormwater ordinance. The public comment period is through June 19. He offered to make committee members a copy if they would like one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Mr. Parrott discussed one real estate item with the committee. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12th day of June, 2002.

Lisa Gillis