

WATER COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 12, 2008
MINUTES

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Tony Parrott Jack Krakeel
<u>ABSENT:</u>	James K “Chip” Conner Pete Frisina, Chairman Chris Clark, Vice Chairman
<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</u>	David Jaeger
<u>STAFF PRESENT:</u>	Russell Ray
<u>GUEST:</u>	Larry Turner, PTCWASA

The meeting was called to order by Water System Director Tony Parrott at 8:15 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2008.

Chip Conner made the motion and Jack Krakeel seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 22, 2008. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported that the timber contractor is working currently in a low wet area along Shoal Creek in the main body of the reservoir. They are projecting they will be 100% complete within about 30 days. He commented that things have gone well on that contract and there are no real issues to discuss.

He went on to say they have given authorization to the archaeological folks to do additional investigation on the mitigation sites. At the last Water Committee meeting we had some discussion about fencing the mitigation sites. Since that meeting he has acquired some budget estimates from various contractors. It looks like, for a four foot high hog wire style fence with wooden posts and concrete anchorage, we will be in the neighborhood of \$5.00 per foot. We are looking at over 68,000 linear feet of perimeter on the six sites combined. It will in the \$300,000 to \$350,000 range to fence all six sites. That includes some access gates as well.

Mr. Parrott stated we will have to do some driveway work. Mr. Jaeger commented that each of them will have to have some type of all weather access drive at least off the main entrance road, through the gate.

Mr. Parrott said we will need to bid this out and then forward it to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Mr. Krakeel said that we are still waiting on the Helmer Road site attorney to contact us. They have to work out a problem with the deed and the homeowners association.

Mr. Jaeger reported that he attended an engineers meeting at Safe Dams Program about two weeks ago. They have these meetings about twice a year, just to keep the engineering community updated on what is going on with their program. He spoke with Ed Fiegley, who is the head of the Safe Dams Program. He told him that they have begun the dam break analysis, which is one of the initial steps in their review of our project. Mr. Jaeger stated that he knows that our project is active in the review stream. He took that as some encouragement that we are not at the bottom of the stack.

Mr. Parrott mentioned that earlier this year Kent Campbell made a proposal for Eco South to handle the wetland projects. Instead of them having to do full scope plans for the bid, they could achieve the same results that the Corp would want without having to do certain items. Because of the amount of money involved, we need to consider what we want to do. Do we want to go ahead and get a bid package together for it or negotiate with Eco South to do the project? They sent a follow up package last month for review.

Mr. Krakeel commented from his perspective the fact that they are the ones that developed the plan that the Corp accepted for the mitigation of these sites, if you bring in a different contractor who is going to implement the plan that they developed then you end up with problems and finger pointing. He thinks you are almost better off to have the same firm that developed the plan, that sold the plan to the Corp, do the actual construction work, so that they are fully and totally responsible for insuring that the Corp accepts the final product as meeting the intent of the plan that was submitted to the Corp.

Mr. Parrott said one of the biggest problems we had with the last wetland site, was that we would have a contractor out there, and we would have the ones that came up with the plan, and then we would have the Corp out there and it got complicated.

Mr. Krakeel asked Mr. Parrott if he is recommending we use Eco South as the contractor. Mr. Parrott said yes, for the success of the project it would be the way to go. He said he would forward the information and put this item on the next agenda.

Mr. Krakeel stated that he received a call from Theron Gay a couple of weeks ago when the letters went out notifying the property owners around the lake. Obviously, it affected a number of property owners in Coweta County as well. He said that Mr. Gay asked that any correspondence we have with property owners around the lake, if we could copy him on that correspondence so that when his commissioners got calls from citizens about the lake itself, at least he would be aware of it. He asked about the possibility of setting up a meeting with representatives from Fayette County for some of the home owners on the Coweta County side, that they had expressed an interest. Mr. Krakeel said that he told him that would fine, we would be more than glad to meet with the property owners,

explain to them what the rules and regulations are. They are going to try to set that up sometime in the next three to four weeks. As soon as he gets a date, he will let everyone know, it will probably be an evening meeting. It is more of an informational meeting for citizens, more than anything else. They were not mad, just wanted an opportunity for their citizens to be able to get first hand questions answered.

III. RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION.

Mr. Parrott explained that the previous discussion was about what the rates were in the surrounding area. He distributed a few pages of a document from the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for October. On page 2, the average residential water charge for 7,000 gallons is \$31.79; our current rate is \$30.00 for 7,000 gallons. We are a little bit under that average with our current rate. The other pages show the rates in the other systems in the District.

Mr. Parrott explained that we also need to consider the rate charged for larger size meters. The last time the rates were increased in 1991, we did not increase the minimum billing on the larger meters (1", 1 ½", 2", 4", 6" and 8"). He said he is not asking for approval today, he just needed to mention that we should consider raising those rates this time. It made the 1" meter odd; the minimum bill being \$10.00, if you don't use any water, you pay \$10.00, but if you use 2,000 gallons, you paid \$15.60, so you were 40 cents less than the minimum bill. It was an anomaly that we should consider taking care of whenever we put the rate increase on the Board's agenda. Also, unmetered water sales from fire hydrants; we charge \$28.00 for 5,000 gallons and a 10% increase would make this \$30.80. There are not as many people getting metered water from fire hydrants as there was in the past, because construction has slowed.

IV. WATER TANK UPDATE.

Mr. Krakeel stated that he had a conversation with Mike Satterfield from the Board of Education; Mike indicated that he had reviewed the sketch that had been submitted and personally did not have a problem and could not see any particular issues associated with the tank site location. He had several questions about moving forward from here, he needed to have a discussion with John DeCotis. Mr. Krakeel said he has not had a chance to speak to John DeCotis about the issue, but Mike and he were in agreement that probably the best way to do it would be to obtain a permanent easement. As it stands right now, from a construction perspective their folks do not see a problem with the location of the tank site. Once he gets through with his discussion with John Decotis, he thinks the next step would be to prepare the necessary legal documents. He does not have a problem with the road way, with where we are planning to put it, it would be just an all weather surface to give us access to the site. Mr. Jaeger said once Mr. Krakeel hears back, they will proceed with the survey work. Mr. Krakeel said when he hears back from Mr. DeCotis, he

will ask him for authorization to proceed with the legal description and putting together the legal documents for an easement.

There being no further business, Water System Director Tony Parrott adjourned the meeting at 8:35 A.M.

Tony Parrott

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of December, 2008.

Lisa Quick