

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 11, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Frisina, Chairman  
Chris Clark, Vice Chairman  
Tony Parrott  
Jack Krakeel

**ABSENT:**

James K "Chip" Conner

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

David Jaeger

**GUEST:**

Commissioner Jack Smith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MAY 28, 2008.**

Tony Parrott made the motion and Vice Chairman Chris Clark seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 28, 2008. There was no opposition.

**II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.**

David Jaeger reported the timbering is between 40% and 50% complete. At the last meeting they were at about 40%, and the 50% line has been established for them to pay the second installment on the contract. They will probably be at the 50% mark in the next 30 days. Things are moving smoothly, and there are no real issues to report.

Mr. Jaeger reported on the recovery phase of the archaeological work; they have completed the second block and they have moved into the third block which is the final area they will be investigating. They have not had any significant finds yet. Within the next four weeks they should be done.

Mr. Jaeger reported on the Stream Monitoring; two of the three required stream monitoring stations are in place and operational. The last remaining station is on Line Creek upstream of the lake. The Peachtree City City Council approved the easement for that station last Thursday. Mr. Parrott attended that meeting and it was handled through their consent agenda. He has issued an email to USGS requesting that they proceed with installation of the final station. He went on to say that it is his understanding the County attorney is still working with the Candler regarding the easement on the Coweta County side. Mr. Jaeger stated that he has instructed USGS not to enter the Candler property until that is secured. That easement is just for the anchorage of the overhead cable. He has instructed them to proceed with the installation of the station. He should have more on scheduling that in the next day or so.

**Mr. Jaeger stated they have completed all the updates for the surveys for the mitigation sites. The Corp of Engineers requested that they have certain criteria included on all those surveys; they have done that and submitted them to Tommy Craig's office. He thinks we are in good shape as far as survey requirements on mitigation sites.**

**Mr. Jaeger stated that he has obtained a scheduled submittal meeting with the Safe Dams Program on July 16, 2008; for submittal of the plans for review by the Safe Dams Program. There is a mandatory submittal meeting and he was able to obtain this schedule yesterday.**

**Mr. Krakeel asked when we would receive the report from Eco South on the construction activities. Mr. Parrott replied that he promised it this month and he will follow up on it. It will be on the next meeting's agenda. They were ahead of schedule in getting all of it together. When he met with the committee earlier, the plan was to have it ready for June.**

### **III. UPDATE ON DROUGHT SITUATION.**

**Mr. Parrott reported that we were able to get a drought response modification, so Fayette County is now under the Level IVc drought response. This is equal to what Level II is; you can use water outside odd/even three days a week between midnight and 10:00 a.m. You are not allowed to use hydrants other than purposes of fire fighting, public health and safety; flushing and you cannot pressure wash streets, gutters and sidewalks. You can pressure wash the house. You can wash your car, your boat and your dog, you can use sprinklers from midnight until 10:00 a.m. There are no additional reporting requirements. The only limitations we have are current permits, and we have met current permits. This is valid until the end of December, 2008.**

**Mr. Parrott went on to say that Clayton County got their approval, Henry County has submitted their application. From July to May 2007 we averaged 9.5 MGD production; from July to May 2008 we averaged 8.4 MGD production. The revenue difference is around \$1 million, or about 8% of the budget. This is what the restrictions cost for us for eleven months.**

**Commissioner Smith stated he approved a press release last night; it will be released this morning. Mrs. Quick said the Water System phone messages have been changed, the letter from DNR is posted on the web site and the message on the water bill has been changed.**

**Mr. Parrott reported that Lake Horton is about a foot and a half down. We have not been able to pump out of the Flint River for the last three weeks due to the level of the river being too low.**

Mrs. Quick reported that there have been 88 toilet rebates, with \$6900.00 in credits to the customers. There have been a total of 338 water saver kits given out. So far in June we have not given any out. A letter will be inserted in the water bills at the end of June that will include information about the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday that will apply to WaterSense products.

#### **IV. LAKE HORTON AND LAKE KEDRON FISH SURVEY.**

Mr. Parrott mentioned that he sent email copies of the study to everyone and this item will be discussed at the next meeting once the committee has had time to review the report. A company is putting out traps at Lake Horton for the rats. Once they catch them and treat the burrows, the area will be bush hogged.

#### **V. GEORGIA WATER SUPPLY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Vice Chairman Mr. Clark explained that the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority has put the applications out for review. They have \$40 million in cash and \$30 additional million in loans for water supply and reservoirs. There are three different project types that qualify for the grant; innovative types of projects (gray water, reuse, or pilot projects for desalination); the second category is new water supply infrastructure like interconnections with other systems or drilling new wells; the third is for reservoirs. A point system is used, the priority is for multi-jurisdictional reservoirs; those get the most points. Projects that already have their 404 permit get the most points; it is really intended to bring new water on line faster. The applications went out last Monday, and they already have about a dozen applications, probably another thirty letters of intent telling them they are going to apply. They will review these over the summer and make awards in September. He went on to say that in round 1, he would imagine that most, if not all of the \$40 million will be gone come October. He said he would like to see all this money gone, so that when they go into the next session, the General Assembly will see the demand for the money, and they can secure additional funds going into next year for grants. There is no straight grant money. It has to have some type of local match, three to one, two one, depending on the program. Originally the intent was you had to get a loan from GEFA in order to get any of the grant money, but they don't have that anymore. A lot of communities are just going out and getting their own financing. This is supposed to help communities that are in the 404 process now. They are working with EPD, Safe Dams and the governor was very direct in there being no additional strings. They have tried to make the application as simple as possible. They will evaluate grant applications as they come in to work with communities to help them improve their application during the process. Mr. Clark commented that he would like to impact four to five reservoirs. The two projects that are farthest along right now are Fayette County and Walton County.

Mr. Parrott stated that we get extra points for having your 404 permit, extra points for having your dam review, for mitigation and such. Mr. Clark commented that if you have another county with inter-jurisdictional connections you get more points.

Having a letter of support from Clayton County about that interconnection might help. Mr. Parrott stated he will make an agenda request to the Board for this item.

#### **ADDENDUM**

#### **1. JUNE 5 BID OPENING – ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR WATER LINE EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Jaeger reported that the bid opening was on June 5 for the counties annual contract for waterline extensions. There were three bidders, which is more than we usually have. There were half a dozen people with bid packages, which is more than usual as well. This indicated there are people out there looking for work. The low bidder was Lantz Construction at a total bid price of \$1,149,635.00. This contract basically is set up so that we can get unit prices for a variety of different types of work that would cover things that will come up in the next year, in the way of waterline extensions and/or relocations or repairs, minor short projects that the county has come along that a single contractor will be lined up to handle for the county. Lantz actually is the contractor that is doing the current contract for the 2007/2008 time period. They have been satisfactory; over the course of the year, they have actually gotten better. He has no problem recommending award to Lantz Construction. Shockley Plumbing was second place and the bid was very competitive. There was only \$33,000.00 difference over a 1.5 million dollar contract. He feels like we got a good price. Shockley was the contractor the previous years. Smith Pipeline is a new contractor that we are not familiar with. They provided a bid and were high at \$1.4 million. Based on the fact that he feels like it is a benefit to the county to have a contractor in place over the year to handle these types of work and that Lantz has done a satisfactory job this year, he recommended awarding the contract to Lantz.

The committee discussed the bid at length. Mr. Jaeger explained that the bid is unit pricing based on the size and type of pipe that would be put in for any particular extension. Quantities are estimated based on previous years. There is a 600' minimum for line extensions, no matter what size, but the majority of the work is 8" pipe and 15,000 feet of 8" pipe was anticipated. The bid package provided all quantities to date in the current contract, but the work varies from year to year.

Commissioner Smith asked about the waterline extension process. Mr. Parrott stated that it is according to interest in the area of the line extension, it requires payment from property owners based on property frontage. Commissioner Smith asked how much influence the contractor has on where the lines are extended. Mr. Parrott replied none. Commissioner Smith went on to say that he had a disturbing phone call yesterday from a Fayette County voter who lives in a subdivision of five acres. He explained that he had tried to get county water in his subdivision for quite some time and he has been unsuccessful in getting his neighbors to agree to bear part of the cost for extending the line. One of the people who work for Lantz told him it was not a problem; he could get it extended for simply the cost of the meter. He just recently got water run to a house that was the only house on a road and it

was \$125,000.00 worth of extension, and all they paid for was the meter, and he could do it for him, too. Mr. Parrott agreed to follow up on this question and report back.

The committee further discussed the structure of the bid for pricing of the items. Mr. Krakeel discussed using historical data to identify the most common type of work that is done on an annual basis, eight inch line extensions are probably the bulk of the line extensions. Should a bid document be created, based on history of quantities used each year requesting bid prices on the most common and then have an addendum for those remaining items. This could give us a more competitive bid. Mr. Jaeger agreed to look at the structure of the bid and see what overall changes could be made. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

The committee discussed installing a distribution line on the West Bypass. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **LAKE HORTON HANDICAP DOCK**

Commissioner Smith commented that the general consensus of the Rotary Club is that the Water Committee does not want the dock built. Mr. Parrott stated the dock was approved by the Committee and the Board of Commissioners. The Water Committee reviewed their request, made some recommendations, the Board approved the recommendations and all they had to do was do the recommendations, and have Mr. Jaeger review it. Some additional information was needed. A handicap dock has to be designed and stamped by a P.E., and meet ADA requirements. Mr. Jaeger said they have made all the changes, he has reviewed them and sent them back. The remaining things are that they need to construct the dock when the lake is down, so that it can be built in the dry as much as possible, it requires building department review and permit, requires the fire marshal review for ADA compliance, and the construction be monitored to confirm that the design requirements are met. The plans are approved from the Water Committee standpoint. The lake will be lower by fall, probably seven feet down by then. Geotechnical people will need to be on site to reevaluate the foundation and to witness the load test on the pilings to make sure they achieve the bearing requirements. The Committee is supportive of the project to build the dock.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

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Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 25th day of June, 2008.

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Lisa Quick