

WATER COMMITTEE
MAY 13, 2009
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K. "Chip" Conner, Vice Chairman
Tony Parrott
Jack Krakeel
Brian Cardoza

NON-VOTING MEMBER

PRESENT: David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

GUESTS PRESENT: Jack Smith
Larry Turner

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2009.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Brian Cardoza seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 22, 2009. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger indicated the plans are still under review at the Safe Dams Program. He has heard enough activity to know the project is active and he is hopeful to have the first round of comments soon. They are aware of the County's desire to start work summer or early fall. They were supportive of that idea, though they did not guarantee that deadline.

He has not heard further on the release of credits from the Mitigation Bank. We are waiting for a report from the Corp of Engineers and release of credits, in order to get construction started. At this point, he sees no major issue in the way.

At previous meetings, the access road to the dam site was discussed. We now have in hand all the permits we need to do the work. David Jaeger has made several attempts to contact the Airport Authority Director to get a status on the airport issuing a change order to their contractor to do the work. The contractor is ready to go. Attempts to contact the Authority will continue.

We have placed an advertisement for a request for qualifications of contractors for this project. We felt the need to have qualified contractors, so we will be contacting those who will be qualified to handle this special project rather than holding an open bid. The request will be open through June 9. We will acknowledge receipt of the packages and then review them to determine which to contact for a future bid.

The fencing contract is under way for the fencing of three of the mitigation sites. They are currently installing fence on the Mixon and Johnson property and Starrs Mill

property. Trammell Horton is the contractor. On the Danieleley/Wagner site in Spalding County, Tony Parrott and David Jaeger visited it to determine if the existing fence is adequate but parts of the fence “meanders” along the property line. We need to pin down where the fence is out of place and move it where it is off County property. Some places need repair but we first have to get the surveying done. We will need to inform the owners that we will be moving the fence. We would get all other critical work done first then come back to this project.

III. WATER TANK DISCUSSION

In the packets, there is a letter from Tyrone Elementary School News and Announcement sheet, which includes a message from Mr. Pollard referencing the proposed water tower approved by Fayette County Commission on property of Flat Rock Middle School. Mr. Pollard stated that the consensus of the majority of the Flat Rock parents is that it should be built on another location. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners attended a meeting on the 4th with the Board of Education. Chairman Smith said the issue is that they want the County to hold a public hearing. He does not know how many people were contacted about the work shop that was held. Their position is they are not going to make a decision until they get the result of a public hearing. Our position is that, since those attending these hearings are usually against the project, there seems to be little purpose to holding one and it should not be the responsibility of the County. We would be willing to provide someone to answer questions. It remained the position of the Board of Education that they would not conduct a hearing and would not make a decision until the County held one. There were no safety issues raised by the Board of Education.

It was determined that David Jaeger should prepare an analysis of the alternative sites to determine if the next alternative would have significant cost differences. We need to determine if the cost savings to the County to put the tank on school property would be significant enough to rule out the other sites considered functional for placement of a tank. Jack Krakeel pointed out that our decision ultimately would be based on engineering requirements and it is logical that it would have to be within a small geographic area to get the maximum benefit. David Jaeger emphasized the two main factors would be high elevation and proximity to existing distribution size water lines. It was indicated by the School Board there might be less opposition to the other location on school property but, according to David Jaeger, it is much farther off the road and would involve more water line extension and access might be difficult to obtain.

Tony Parrott pointed out that the reason this project was suggested previously was the expectancy that Tyrone would be quickly increasing in population and water pressure would be inadequate, since it is a high elevation in the County. The building pace has slowed making it less urgent at this time. David Jaeger agreed but pointed out that pressure in the area and fire flows had been marginally adequate and the new tank would accomplish a higher pressure than can be provided by existing tanks. This issue was discussed at the meeting.

V. WATER LINE ON LINE CREEK DRIVE

Tony Parrott indicated that Peachtree City has abandoned their right-of-way to the developer who is developing along Highway 54 West near Planterra on the South side of Peachtree City. We have a water line in the right of way that has been abandoned. It will be a new development for shops and businesses. We have had several problems with the water line over the years. Mr. Parrott wants to consider abandoning this water line since we no longer have legal access. The three businesses presently there have inactive meters because the developer has bought them out. Should the developer configure his new development to utilize this existing water line, Mr. Parrott would be concerned about having services to private property with no easement. We could require them to dedicate it to the County but our line could then end up under asphalt as a parking lot. It would be more feasible to master the meter from his site and not end up with the maintenance headaches the present 25 year old six inch line could create. It could be master metered on Highway 54. Jack Krakeel asked if there were hydrants and expressed concern about shutting off the line. It was decided that they should be required to submit plans to us for review and put him on notice. Tony was going to check on the possibility of salvage value with reference to the fire hydrants.

David Yeager wanted to comment on the Annual Water Line Contract Bid. He said the present contract was prepared to take care of multiple work items that might come up over the year. He had highlighted on a handout those items that happen most frequently, and proposes to weight the contract that is coming up for bid 75% toward those most frequent services and 25% to others on the list. The Committee will get to see the low bid and how it is broken down.

Tony Parrott brought up the violation notice we sent out. He indicated we are looking at different treatment options at the plants. We got samples yesterday and Clayton County is running them today.

Tony Parrott made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of one item. Chip Conner seconded and the motion carried. David Jaeger reported on one item of real estate.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:55 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of May, 2009.

Linda White