

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 13, 2010**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Frisina, Chairman  
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman  
Tony Parrott  
Jack Kraakeel  
Brian Cardoza

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** David Jaeger  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Russell Ray  
**GUESTS:** Francisco Martinez and guest

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

**I. ELECTION OF CHAIR.**

Jack Kraakeel nominated Pete Frisina as Chair of the Water Committee. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

**II. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR.**

Jack Kraakeel nominated Chip Conner as Vice Chair of the Water Committee. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

**III. APPROVAL OF 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Jack Kraakeel made the motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the 2010 meeting schedule as presented. Chip Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 2009.**

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Brian Cardoza seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 9, 2009. There was no opposition.

**V. PORTER ROAD TANK SITE PROPERTY PURCHASE DISCUSSION.**

David Jaeger stated that he looked at the records we have on the Porter Road tank site. This site was purchased for a 2 million gallon water tank. The site is approximately six acres, and is about 460 feet on one side and 580 feet on the other side (in round numbers). The high point on the site is toward the northern boundary line; the tank would not be located centrally on the property, it would be located more towards the northern line. Based on the preliminary layout, the tank would be about 165 feet from the northern property line as it is currently set up. On the concept plan there are also two possible locations for the communication tower, which has since been built. Either of those locations has guyed wires within 25 feet of that northern property line supporting that communication tower. He said there

are two issues, one – the communication tower support, the second one would be the buffer requirements for the tank as far as moving that northern property line closer to the tank. The tank could be as tall as 200 feet, depending on the final design. We have to have room to construct the tank, and then maintain the tank afterwards, specifically painting the tank. We are already at the minimum as far as a buffer for a distance between the tank and the northern neighbor to provide some level of isolation or protection while we are constructing, maintaining and painting the tank. Based on that, and based on the fact that it appears that the support guyed wires for the communication tower are within that 25 feet of the northern property line. He stated that his recommendation is that the County maintain the property as it is currently configured, so that we have at least as much buffer between the tank and the property line as what is currently planned; anything less than that increases the potential for difficulties in construction or maintenance.

Mr. Jaeger explained the request is because their frontage is 25 feet short of the requirement. This would create a 25 foot slice off the northern part of our property, and would reduce our property by about 1/3 of an acre. If the tank were located more to the southern part of the site, it would not be an issue, but because of the topography, we are already pushing it towards the northern side. Selling or giving that property would further diminish the boundary between the tank and the northern property line. He stated that he thinks it would be in the county's best interest to try to maintain as much buffer as we can.

Mr. Krakeel mentioned that this property will abut county property that will have a water tank and communications tower. He asked if there is any potential relief for a reduction in the setback. The committee discussed the frontage problem, conditional use requirements, lot width, set backs and buffers, appeal process, and the location of the guyed wires on the communication tower.

Mr. Krakeel commented that we will have a water tower on this site, and there is already a radio transmission tower, from a utilization standpoint of the property that is adjacent to this site, it appears that a church would probably be a great fit for that property versus a more sensitive neighbor. It creates a nice buffer, since it is not constant use.

Mr. Parrott commented since the easement won't work one way, we could recommend to sell that 25 X 100 section, and in exchange get an easement for our use for the same 25 X 100 section and just leave the fence where it is. Will this take care of it, without moving the fence?

Further discussion followed about meeting setbacks and buffers, the change in the configuration of the property, moving the fence, maintaining the five acre minimum, a survey of the property, and location of the guyed wires for the tower. Mr. Jaeger and Mr. Martinez will work on the details for having a survey done with the options discussed. Then bring the information back to the committee at the next meeting.

**VI. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.**

**Mr. Jaeger reported that the Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to Brad Cole Construction and we now have an executed contract. The pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for next week. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. The access road into the site has now been built; they have some fine grading left and some shoulder work to do.**

**Mr. Jaeger went on to say they are working on the fencing on the mitigation sites and Eco South is working on the mitigation plan on the Johnson site.**

**Mr. Krakeel commented that he had a conversation with the fencing contractor and he indicated that there is going to be some fencing on several of the sites, especially the one in Meriwether County where they will probably not be able to fence a portion of the site, simply because of standing water that is there permanently. Mr. Jaeger said they had that situation on one property; it had standing water, but it was not deep enough to prevent them from doing the work. We allowed them to substitute steel posts instead of having to concrete the wooden posts. He commented that conditions may have changed and he will talk with them about this.**

**Mr. Parrott stated that he put a copy of the permit for the dam in the package for the committee to read. At the groundbreaking ceremony we will be putting up a tent, in January you can't depend on the weather to be bright and sunny. There will be a heater in the tent; and a shuttle to take people down to the site due to the condition of the road down to the site.**

**Mr. Parrott stated that Jerry Peterson sent a note about the walking trail that Southern Conservation Trust had at their Line Creek Nature Area. We agreed to relocate this with the lake; it is covered in the contract. We can place the new trail wherever they want it.**

**Mr. Parrott said that Eco South sent him their proposal for the Mixon Wetland site. He said he would send copies of it to the committee for review and discussion at the next meeting. They have made more progress than he thought they could with this kind of weather.**

**Mr. Krakeel asked if we are on target with our mitigation credits and construction of the dam in terms of the time lines that we have to meet in the release of the credits. Mr. Jaeger stated that his records show that we have currently, enough credits to begin construction. The next batch is due sometime this spring, based on past years. We have to have that by one year after the start of work. Twelve months from when they begin we have to have the next release. We are on track.**

**VII. TOTAL ORGANIC UPDATE.**

**Mr. Jaeger stated that we got proposals for the pilot programs for the two technologies that we want to try. The State has requested that Mr. Parrott try using**

polymer at the South Fayette Treatment Plant. Mr. Parrott is scheduling this with the State.

**VIII. TOILET REBATE PROGRAM.**

Mrs. Quick stated that we have \$22,450.00 left in the program. We still have rebate requests coming in. Two years ago we signed an agreement and renewed it last year. It is time to renew it again.

Mr. Parrott stated that the beginning funding amount was \$100,000.00. We need to continue this program for water conservation. When working with different permits the State looks at this when we want to renew. It shows that we are continuing water conservation efforts.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to extend the agreement with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District for the Toilet Rebate Program. Vice Chairman Chip Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

**CUSTOMER COMMENT**

Mr. Krakeel commented that he received a call from a plumber that he had known for years. He wanted to send his “kudos” to the Water System, because he had gone out to take care of a water leak at a residence and our crews went out on the coldest day that we had at 2:00 in the morning to a ladies house to shut her water off. She had a burst water pipe. He said he wanted to say what an outstanding job our County Water System did for taking care of this customer at 2:00 in the morning. They went above and beyond.

**TOWN OF BROOKS**

Mr. Krakeel stated that he has been discussing the proposed Operating Agreement with the Town of Brooks.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

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Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of January, 2010.

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Lisa Quick