

WATER COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2011
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Jack Krakeel
Tony Parrott

ABSENT:

Brian Cardoza

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUEST:

Stephen Hogan, WASA

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 23, 2011.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 23, 2011. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported that the contractor has completed all of the under cut and removal of the poor sub grade material. He showed slides of the area they were working on. They encountered some rock down at the bottom. They are required to do the cleaning exercise with pressurized water. This is to ensure that a good bond is created between the good fill material and the rock and there is not a seam for the water to migrate. In addition, they also completed the sand foundation drain (a vertical wall of sand that is built along the center line of the dam, down through the area where they removed the sub grade, and then ties in to the bottom). Any water that wants to move through the fill material or along the bottom seam get intercepted by the sand chimney drain; it is given a path to move back up into the drain system and then out the toe of the dam. He went on to say there are pipes that come out on either side of the spillway, and it allows you to monitor and measure it over time; to have a record of what type of seepage the dam is producing. All earthen dams seep, and leak water. It is designed into it; you know it will happen and you provide a way to manage it so that it doesn't take the fill material with it. It is just a movement of water.

Mr. Jaeger went on to explain that after they finished the under cut, they started bringing in more material to build up the surcharge pad. He said this is an approximation from the side view showing what the future dam will look like. The 780 contour is the full pool of the level of the lake when it is full. He showed more photos of the last of the under cut, the placement of the select fill and the compaction process as they bring the surcharge pad up. He pointed out the settlement plates that have been installed. Previously they only had one plate in

because they only had one area where they were bringing up the surcharge, but now that they have all the under cut finished, they are bringing it up more uniformly and they have additional settlement devices.

Mr. Jaeger said the contractor is starting to stockpile reinforcing steel for construction of the spillway. There is a significant amount of steel there now because of anticipated increase in steel prices, it would have affected the steel sub contractor. We agreed to allow them to go ahead and get the steel on site and provide them some payment towards that as the stored material. This is normal practice and it benefited them so they did not get hit with an inflationary price change on the steel.

He went on to show where the subcontractor is starting to clear debris. He showed the areas where they have begun to clear. They were planning on burning, but they have opted to go with a burial instead. The wet weather has been such that it has been very difficult to be able to excavate a burn pit, because of high ground water. They have opted to bury the material and provide a minimum of three feet of cover over it. They are subjected to the same burn ban on the Coweta County side as on the Fayette County side. Theoretically they could burn between now and May 1 and then again in October. He does not know that they will want to burn at all, or if they will continue to do this over the next few months.

Mr. Parrott explained that they will need to clear the area north of the dam, because we are going to start impacting that area quickly when they start bringing up the dam itself. We don't want to flood this out without clearing it. They have no place to stockpile it. Mr. Jaeger commented there is a fairly large flat bottom to this reservoir, a couple of hundred acres. It will back up fairly quickly.

Mr. Jaeger reported the contractor is finishing up at Helmer Road, the Dr. Bussey mitigation site. Eco South is scheduled to turn water into the new stream channel at the Daniely-Waggoner site sometime in the next couple weeks.

Mr. Parrott stated that we have submitted the pump station plans to DNR. When we get their approval and get them back, we can get that portion of the project going. The county is diligently working on the access road.

Mr. Krakeel asked where we are with our mitigation credits at this point. Mr. Jaeger said he has had a couple of emails with Laura Benz at Tommy Craig's office. The last information he got was that the last batch of credits is under review by the Corp. There are no issues; they are just waiting for the release. Those credits are not anything we need immediately, but they will go towards the credits needed for impoundment. We are in good shape as far as our construction work, versus the credits. He said we are anticipating that next batch will be released shortly.

Mr. Parrott said all the mitigation sites are near completion. There is some tweaking to be done, but we are in good shape.

III. WATER RATE INCREASE.

Mr. Parrott reported that he is still working with DNR on their approval of the process. He said he would get the committee some numbers that will be some options, but until we hear from DNR if they are going to let us go with MIEX, there is no need to discuss this item any more at this point. He said he would bring it back up for discussion in a couple of months.

IV. REQUEST FOR SEASONAL PARKING PASS AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Parrott explained that people who come here visiting from other places, in this case it is family from out of state, they want to know why they can't get a seasonal pass. He suggested they go with the family member that has a county tagged vehicle. They said their boat is a Florida boat; they don't want to pay to put their Florida boat in the lake when they come up here. Everybody wants whatever is necessary to take care of their one problem. He explained to the lady that he would bring it up to see if there was any interest in any kind of seasonal pass for out of state people.

Mr. Krakeel said there is another situation with a county resident that drives a company car. He commented that he has asked Ed Collins to begin to address this issue. He said he gets a call every two or three weeks from somebody who has been issued a citation at Lake Horton. They are driving a company vehicle or their father-in-law or father comes over and they go over to the lake to walk. They happen to go in the dad's car and they forget about the fact that the dad has a tag from Fulton County. Especially the people that live in this county that drive vehicles that have their registration out of the county; he said that Ross King, head of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia called him. He lives on Goza Road and goes down there to walk; he has a vehicle provided to him that has a Fulton County tag on it and he got a citation. Mr. Krakeel said he has asked that in the cases where we have a resident, either while they are on site and they are issuing the citation to the resident themselves and they can show proof that they live in Fayette County or if the resident calls in; the Marshals leave after issuing the citation, and they call the office, now they have to go through this whole process. We should be able to have some kind of placard that we can issue people that have a vehicle like that. He does not believe that citizens in this county, if they are driving a vehicle with an out of county tag are going to shop that pass. They just need to be able to put something in their window when they go into the park and they are walking or whatever, so that when the Marshals come by they can see that they have been issued some kind of placard they can stick in the window. To him that is just good Customer Service. If somebody takes their name down, go back to the office, mail them a nice letter. You build a lot more good will than just continuing to ignore this issue; individuals that are getting citations. What happens is that once those citations go over to the Magistrate Court, it is out of our hands. Then they have to appear before the judge, show the judge that they live in Fayette County, the

charges are dismissed, but they have had to take time off from work to go to Magistrate Court. It is a huge inconvenience that we don't need to create. He said that doesn't mean that we don't need to be writing citations to out of county vehicles, but when we can identify, if either on site, or they call us the next morning at the office, or that day and tell us they got a citation. There ought to be a process that we can institute at that point. The Marshals office would be the best ones to issue these, since they are writing the citations. They are the ones that are going to have direct contact with the party. They are charged with enforcing the ordinance; he said he does not know that we should get two different departments involved in the process. Let the Marshals office handle it, if somebody gets written a citation, and they call up and say they are a county resident, I happen to drive a vehicle with an out of county tag; they provide proof they are a county resident and then we give them a pass. When they go in their out of county vehicle, put the pass on the dash and that resolves the issue.

He said he does not know any other way to do it, and we ought to have a process available to our residents that have a vehicle with an out of county tag. Chairman Frisina asked if we will have the same situation at Kenwood when we gate that park. Mr. Krakeel said the difference between Horton and Kenwood is there is a fee involved. There is not a fee at Kenwood, yet. Down the road it might, but not right now, it has a gate that closes at dusk.

Mr. Krakeel said there are probably one or two people a month that are issued a citation; it is a popular place.

Mr. Parrott stated the fee system is to try to reduce out of county use of the park. Why would we want to do anything to make it easier for out of county to use the park. Mr. Krakeel said he does not disagree with that issue. There was someone who approached him several years ago about a seasonal pass for bird watchers. Clayton County, apparently, has a program at one of their treatment facilities, and they have a bird watcher program. You can buy a pass if you are a bird watcher, specific for that. It is for a specified period of time; like three months, usually during the winter or early spring.

Mr. Parrott said that Lake Horton wound up on the top ten list in the area for bird watching. Mr. Krakeel suggested this is something we should think about.

Mr. Parrott said the cost to park is \$10.00; we generate \$25,000.00 per year. Vice Chairman Conner said he thinks we should just keep it county, wait and see what they can come up with about the county residents with company vehicles from out of county. Mr. Parrott said the fee cut down on the problem we had when groups from Rockdale and everywhere else were coming down for fishing tournaments. By the time you had 35 trailers down there first thing in the morning, a county resident showing up at 10:00 had no place to park. Because of our amenities with the shelter and playground that is down there, it can get full. County residents ought to be able

to use it, not others. At Kenwood Park, you can go up there on the weekends and most of the time you can't find a place to park.

Mr. Parrott said he would talk with Chief Collins and make a report back to the committee.

V. WATER BILL INSERT REQUEST FROM THE FREDERICK BROWN, JR., AMPHITHEATRE.

Mr. Parrott explained that the process requires that he talk to the committee about water bill inserts. He has placed this item on the Board's agenda for tomorrow night, because the committee has approved these in the past. Since we did not meet last time, the deadline was coming up. He said we need a better process. We will do the same thing for them that we do for The Villages. We also do inserts for Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority. Each time these have to come through Water Committee then go to the Board of Commissioners. It takes six to eight weeks to go through the process because our meeting day is the Board's deadline.

Mr. Parrott made a recommendation inserting the flyer from The Frederick Brown, Jr., Amphitheatre in the water bills. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 11th day of May, 2011.

Lisa Quick