

WATER COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 2011
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Jack Krakeel
Tony Parrott
Brian Cardoza
David Jaeger
Russell Ray
Chief Marshal Ed Collins
Stephen Hogan, PTCWASA

ABSENT:

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

STAFF PRESENT:

GUESTS:

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MAY 25, 2011.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 25, 2011. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported we are waiting for the surcharge pad to finish moving. It is a slow process; the geotechnical engineer gets data from his contractor throughout the week. As soon as he has been able to determine the settlement has come down to the point he is comfortable with and it is completely stopped, then the contractor will begin excavation of that area; and start construction on the spillway. In the meantime, they are working on the abutment areas, digging out key ways and things like that.

He went on to say that the contractor is very anxious to start work on the spillway. He is pushing the geotech guys to give him authorization to start removing the surcharge pad. It will probably be a few more weeks.

Mr. Jaeger said he talked with the neighbor on our mitigation site yesterday, where we had the tornado damage. He is still working at removing trees that were down; by next week, he thinks we will be at the point where our guys can come in and assess the total length of damaged fence from the tornado. Then, we can get some pricing to put it back up. He said there is an extensive amount of work that has to be done to clear the storm damage, just to assess the fence damage. Mr. Jaeger said the neighbor has taken that on himself, because he has to get his cows back in an area where they can pasture. In another week or two, we should be able to determine the extent of the fence damage.

Mr. Jaeger stated that we got approval from DNR on our pump station plans. He said he anticipates advertising for that bid next week. Mr. Parrott mentioned a

copy of the letter is in the information package; there are some conditions we will need to follow.

Mr. Jaeger reported that we are waiting on the Corp of Engineers to release the next batch of credits from the mitigation bank. We had a successful site visit.

III. LAKE HORTON PARKING RULES DISCUSSION.

Mr. Parrott explained that we charge out of county vehicles to park at Lake Horton. It works pretty good, we make money that helps offset some of the expenses. We keep having small problems. Some people, because of their job position, get a company car. They have an out of county tag, but they live in Fayette County. He said we need to come up with some kind of system to handle this problem.

Chief Collins commented that right now a county employee that doesn't live in the county can put their ID on their dash, and the Marshals don't write them a citation; as a courtesy as an employee. Other people that contact the Marshals office and tell them they have to use another car because theirs is broke down; one on one basis, they tell them to put their drivers license on the dash to show they are a resident of Fayette County. A lot of people don't want to put that information out there for other people to see it. He said this is understandable. Another problem is that there are so many tags that are specialized; it doesn't have the county on it. They could be a Fayette County resident but it doesn't say Fayette County on the tag; they have to run these tags. They run all that don't say Fayette anyway, but it is time consuming. Some come back that they just purchased it; it is not on file, these are all issues they deal with daily.

He went on to say that over the years they have discussed maybe letting people come get some kind of permit that they can put on their dash for their vehicles that aren't registered in Fayette County that don't have a Fayette County decal. Maybe a decal they could put on, a year decal they can put on the car. They would come down and maybe pay a fee, or show they are a resident, but they have a company car they use. They want to come and stop on their lunch hour every day and work out, jog, whatever; something they could put temporarily in each car. That would be a little time consuming either for his office or the Water System to issue it and pay for it. He does not think it would be much cost; this is probably the easiest way. Someone who lives here wants to use an out of county car, come register it with us. Cars may change; if it is a company car, they may drive different vehicles. Something they can remove and put in a different vehicle; the problem is could they then loan it out to people.

Mr. Parrott commented that people are not going to want to come in to the Water System or Marshals office to do paperwork to go to the lake. They will want something more instantaneous. The committee discussed at length different solutions to this issue.

Chief Collins brought up an issue with the Pavilion; when they want to have a party, a Fayette County resident wants to reserve the Pavilion and bring all these people in, relatives and friends that are out of county. They get a lot of hassle about them; they don't think it is fair that the people they invite for the party to the pavilion and the picnic area have to pay. Mr. Parrott said we do not let people reserve the pavilion. One of the reasons we stopped reserving it was we had people from out of county show up in a party bus, and they would spend the day.

Chief Collins stated there are probably 30 to 40 residents of Fayette County that have an out of county tag, or specialty tag. He asked how we make sure they don't give the placard to someone else to use. Discussion pertained to annual windshield stickers, leaving the driver's license on the dash, a placard with the persons name and the vehicle, and people having to come in to get the placard.

Mr. Krakeel commented that he remembers early on, when the park first opened and the whole issue of a parking fee came up. It was not a parking fee; it was a boat launching fee. The very original discussion centered on a boat launching fee so that the revenue collected for people using the reservoir could be used to restock the lake or whatever the case was. He said that he distinctly remembers Chris Cofty telling him to research it and figure out how to do it. They came up with a pay system that you would pay, basically what we have now. He said he remembers it was \$7,000.00 and Mr. Cofty balked at that, said we are not going to do that, we are just going to have a box that people can drop their money in. Then it was changed to all out of county residents that wanted to use the facility and it was put at the front end. Originally, it was designed as a boat launching fee, and there was not going to be a restriction on people just running and using the facilities, but apparently that has become a bigger issue than people launching their boats.

Mr. Parrott commented that the Board of Commissioners adopted to limit it to County residents.

Mr. Krakeel went on to say that it appears to him, the easiest way to handle it is to deal with it on an individual basis. If there are 30 or 40 regulars, and you have somebody down there, keep some placards in the patrol vehicles; if they identify themselves as county residents, you verify that and they use the park frequently enough give them a placard. He said he does not know how you can stop them from giving it to somebody else, but he believes that would be limited; he does not know that we would have a lot of people that would be handing the pass to somebody to use.

Chief Collins commented that he does not know what lake it is, but he thinks it is a state park down south; one of the regular fishermen that comes up here about once a month said they pass the placards around down at the state park. One guy pays one fee and then he goes a different place the next week, he gives it to his buddy, then when he is done, he gives it to his buddy, then when you want to go back, you

pick up your placard. This is only a \$3.00 or \$4.00 fee. We are charging \$10.00, and that is a lot of money we are not getting.

Mr. Jaeger suggested the placard having a place for the type of vehicle, the persons name and even a tag number, written on it. Mr. Krakeel suggested their county address be written on it. The committee liked the idea of the placard being tied to the vehicle and only being used for that vehicle. That doesn't help somebody that their car breaks down that week and they have to borrow a car to go out there. Then they could put the driver's license on the dash.

Mr. Parrott said he would work on something and bring it back to the committee. Mr. Krakeel commented that this will save Fayette County residents the time of having to go to court once the ticket gets filed.

IV. REVIEW OF BIDS FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR CONNECTIONS.

Mr. Jaeger reported the bid opening was yesterday. This project is to provide electrical connections to transfer switches at three different remote pump stations. We had four bidders, East Electrical Company, Ray East, was low bidder. The bid was separated into a base and then an additive alternate bid for some additional work. On the base bid, Ray East bid \$72,500.00; this included the connections for the three pump stations as well as modifying an automatic transfer switch at the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. The alternate bid was to provide some trouble shooting at the Crosstown Water Plant where we have variable frequency drive pumps in the raw water pump station and the keypads are malfunctioning. They included some hours in this as an alternate bid to get troubleshooting on that by the manufacturer service rep. That was \$11,340.00; the total of the two together is \$83,840.00 for East Electrical.

Mr. Parrott commented that the modification in the transfer switch is to the generator, everything in the first section of the bid is related to the generator at the South Fayette Plant. We will put generator connections at these three pump stations, if we need to, we can drive up with a generator and plug it in. We are not going to mount generators in each place. We have not had an emergency that we could not wait on the power. We need to have the availability to do this in the event there is no power.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he worked with East Electrical previously, he has worked with Ray East on multiple projects; he is generally a sub contractor, but he is very accomplished and familiar with some of these pump stations. He has worked on them already. He said he has no problem recommending the work to Ray East. Mr. Ray commented that Ray East had worked on the South Fayette project.

Mr. Jaeger explained that this work is for the Crabapple booster pump station, the Ellis Road booster pump station and the Lake Horton raw water pump station.

Mr. Parrott commented that the Crosstown Water Plant has a generator, it has a different transfer switch, the load and transfers from the generator at the South Fayette Plant with EMC is set up different and has to be modified. The one at Crosstown, we have to take Georgia Power off, and then put the generator on (manually). The generators at both plants are not mobile.

Mr. Jaeger explained that the Horton Creek pump station supplies raw water to both plants, the booster pump stations at Ellis Road and Crabapple help distribute the water throughout the system. These are key areas; power loss would be critical.

Stephen Hogan commented that during the last storm that came through, they had five stations go out. They have three permanent generators, but they had two plugs; their people came in either with a pump truck or the generator. The wet well still collects the sewage, but there is no way for it to get out; they need to put it into the truck and haul it, or they can plug up the generator and send it down the force main. The two smaller stations will rotate back and forth until the power comes back on and they can hook up to those connections that are on the water side, should the need arise.

Vice Chairman Conner made the motion to recommend the Board of Commissioners accept the low bidder, East Electrical Company for the bid for Pump Station Generator Connections; total amount of the bid being 83,400.00. Jack Krakeel seconded and there was no opposition.

V. DOT PROJECT UPDATE.

Mr. Parrott reported that DOT is doing several projects in the county. He said he met with them yesterday on Highway 74 South, we have two 20" waterlines down there; 20" raw water and 20" finished water. Their 48" storm drain and our waterlines are in conflict; the waterline is going to be relocated as part of what the DOT is doing. Then, they started talking about wanting money out of us because they had to do changes on the site. The changes were because the EMC power poles weren't where they were suppose to be; and a 4" gas line wasn't where it was suppose to be. He said they worked it out so there is no additional charge on this project so far. He went on to say that you can almost see end to end what we have left; we are almost complete. Then, they are going to do turn lanes and re-alignment at Bernhard Road and Highway 85 South, because of the way they are doing the turn lanes, we have almost 2,000 feet of 20" pipe that is in the way; it is going to have to be moved. It will be at our expense, whenever they get the plans to that point, we will have to bid that job for the relocation. Depending on who you talk to with the DOT, they are moving to the west so far, it will drain Padgett's Lake. They tore down his old house. Until he actually sees it on paper, he is not sure about this.

Mr. Krakeel commented that one of the projects in the Transportation Improvement Act lists the projects as the widening of Georgia State Route 85 from the City limits of Fayetteville all the way up to Grady all the way down to Bernhard

Road. If that project stays in the list and if the voters approve the regional sales tax, all of those projects have to be completed within a ten year time frame. He asked if it would make sense for us to look at acquiring an easement and locating our waterline outside the DOT right of way.

Mr. Parrott said we use to do this; the higher ups with DOT talked with the Commission Chairman and explained that it did not matter if the county got a separate easement outside the right of the way or not, they were not going to pay to relocate the waterline. Highway 74 was paid for out of stimulus money, otherwise we would have had to pay for it.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that with the first phase of 74, the waterline was put in on 74 before it was a state road. The state road was Dividend at the time the developer built what became that section of 74; the waterline and sewer line were put in. The sewer line is in the road. We had prior rights, they would not do anything and we had to move every bit of that job.

WATER USAGE

Mr. Parrott commented water use has picked up. The average sold to City of Fayetteville was a million gallons a day. He said he is assuming they turned off their water plant at the City, since they are doing a million gallons a day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tony Parrott made a motion to go into executive session to discuss one item of real estate. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

David Jaeger briefed the committee on one item of real estate. The consensus of the committee was to move forward on this item.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of July, 2011.

Lisa Quick