

WATER COMMITTEE
AUGUST 10, 2011
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUESTS:

Stephen Hogan, WASA
Chief Ed Collins

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 27, 2011.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Jack Kraakeel seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 27, 2011. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported the contractor is still in the process of removing the material on the surcharge pad, they probably have another two weeks worth of work. Then they will begin the excavation and form work for the base, the lower end of the concrete spillway. They are continuing clearing within the reservoir bed. He said they recently submitted to him their request for a time extension for weather related issues over the past six to nine months. He said he has just started reviewing the request, so he does not have a definitive answer, but he is sure they will be qualified to get some additional time.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he and Mr. Parrott visited the Danielly Wagner mitigation site last week. That day the contractor was in the process of diverting the stream channel (the existing channel into the new channel); when that is finished he thinks they will be 100% on that site. They have reached 100% on the construction of all the other sites.

Mr. Parrott explained that they will still have some tweaking to do with the gabions, the rocks, the flow and the track hoe work. He said there is no water in the creek. Mr. Jaeger said he and Mr. Parrott went out there hoping they would actually get to see them turn the water; but it has been so dry that there wasn't any water to move.

Mr. Parrott commented that the Water System is putting up the No Trespassing signs at Lake McIntosh. He said we have to follow the surveyors pretty quickly; for some reason the stakes disappear. They don't survive long. He said we are putting

in stop sign stock, these won't blow over. He said they found an ATV hidden on the Coweta County side, and a couple of camp sites.

Chief Collins stated the ATV was stolen out of Coweta County. In talking to the witnesses, they said they saw some people bring it in on a trailer, take it down into the lower southwest corner. They have been riding it around on the Coweta County side of Line Creek. The truck and trailer left, but the ATV wasn't on it. They have been hiding it under some brush. He said his office ran the VIN and it came back stolen out of Coweta County. They turned it over to them; they were already working some leads on it. He said the camp was on the very north corner at a dead end of Patina Lane on the Fayette County side of Line Creek. They had a hammock, some fishing poles; quite an elaborate operation at one time, but it seemed to be abandoned for quite a while. He said they took everything down and took it to Fleet Maintenance. Chief Collins said they now have it marked on their patrol.

Mr. Jaeger said we are not really experiencing any issues or problems, it is just a matter of getting the concrete work started. Mr. Parrott said the steel is already on the site. He went on to say that Peachtree City Airport Authority is going to start the replacement waterline. They have pipe on site; they are having trouble with Peachtree City getting the easement for them across the two pieces of property with the road. This is holding them up. Mr. Krakeel said he has a meeting on this issue this week.

III. LAKE HORTON PARKING DISCUSSION.

Chief Collins discussed an example of a parking permit that can be color coded for the year it is used. It will fit on the dash. Information can be kept on the computer for reference if someone loses theirs. Deputies could issue the permit on the scene. The resident could show their ID and they could fill it out there, with a side of the permit filled out for them to take back to their office to update their records.

Following discussion pertained to who would issue the permits and keep the data base updated, and having the permit vehicle and person specific. We would not want people to trade permits. Include the color, make and model and the vehicle tag number. Mr. Krakeel said he thinks it makes sense for the Marshal's Office to manage it; from an enforcement aspect. Chief Collins said they could control it, they would put a number on the permit that can be referenced.

Mr. Jaeger asked how the issue is handled now, if somebody is a resident but has an out of county tag, and they get a citation, are they forgiven, or do they have to pay it? Chief Collins said if they can bring in proof that they are a county resident before the ticket gets to the court, he generally voids the ticket. If it gets to the court, it is up to the courts, and they have to go to them. There is not an existing data base listing people that have already been issued tickets issued for this situation. Chief Collins said this has not happened often.

Mr. Krakeel stated this is a customer service issue. Mr. Parrott said he does not think it needs to go to the Board, they established that if you are out of county, you have to pay to park. This situation is to make sure that if you live in the county you don't pay, so it is an update to the policy on Lake Horton.

IV. BACKFLOW DISCUSSION.

Mr. Parrott said changes need to be made to Chapter 3, Program Implementation; the change is if the customer won't test the device or won't repair the device, it gives the Water System the authority to test and/or repair with a certified tester. We will do an annual contract with a certified tester and then add to the water bill. If they don't pay it, we will turn off their water. Mr. Parrott said that our biggest problem right now, if they don't test and/or repair the only authority he has within this program is turning off the fireline to the building. From the public relations side, for example: turning off a Haverty's and they have to abandon the building. Their customers don't understand why they have to leave the building for the fireline being turned off. Turning off the water for not paying the bill, they understand the water bill was not paid.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that we already send notification by certified mail, we will give them another notice. Bottom line, there are not that many of them, but those that are, are a problem because it puts us out of compliance with the Backflow Program with the Department of Natural Resources. He said he believes this change will take care of his problem.

Mr. Krakeel made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the modifications to the Backflow Containment Policy. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

V. MIEX PROJECT UPDATE.

Mr. Parrott reported that the engineer with the Drinking Water Program is reviewing the engineering report that Mr. Jaeger provided. There was an additional question about disposal of the brine that is generated from the salt solution. He said he is working on getting the answer to this question for her.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 24th day of August, 2011.

Lisa Quick