

WATER COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2012
MINUTES

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: David Jaeger
GUEST: Stephen Hogan, WASA
Don Comer, Attorney
Jimmy Hall
STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Brian Cardoza seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 15, 2012. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported that the dedication ceremony was Friday of last week. The monument has been set up at the entrance into the dam area. Other work that has been completed is the contractor put the finished coat on the spillway; the Thorocoat System gave it a nice finished look. He stated that we are starting to get some green in the sod, which he does not believe is the Bermuda; it is some stray seed that are in there. The next photo was shown looking down from the lake bed looking back at the spillway with the bridge. He said the gate is down as closed as we can get it right now and still release our minimum flow. We are waiting for some rain to start filling it up.

The next photo was of the monument commemorating the people who were involved in this project. It goes back as far as 1977. Various Boards of Commissioners, various Water Committee members, etc., there were a lot of people involved in this project. A lot of those people were recognized at the dedication ceremony.

Mr. Jaeger went on to say that the pump house project is pretty much done, as well. We are waiting for the water to come up so we can do the final testing on the pumps. Both of these projects were very successful, we had great contractors on both of them.

Mr. Jaeger commented that the park project is still under way. He showed a photo showing some of the work that has been done at the reservoir and the walking trails that are paved; parts of the trail still remain to be paved. Asphalt binder was placed on the parking lot this week. Foundation work has been done on the rest rooms; the pavilion and the gazebo are still under construction. There has been a long lead time on the split face block that was speced out for the rest rooms; that is holding us back a little bit. He said the septic drain field was installed, the force main runs up to it and the power is run over to the lift station for the septic system. He said that all that is installed.

Mr. Jaeger stated that the dock construction is still under way as well. He showed photos of the dock construction, the boat ramp has been poured and is complete. After they finish up with the framing and the decking they will cut the piles down to the final tip height. He then showed a photo of what the lake would look like when it is full.

Mr. Jaeger showed the curbing that has been put in that will be the access to the park. It will be a daylight park, so the gate will be open during the day and close at dusk. He then showed a photo showing the piping for the septic drain field. He pointed out a drainage outlet from the curbing that goes down into the water quality feature that is along the lake shore. That will help filter any pollutants in the run off before it reenters the lake. The next photo was of the cul-de-sac that will be paved; coming off that cul-de-sac is the access road that comes down into the dam and into the pump house. The fencing has been completed to separate the public side, which is the park area on the right from the private (county) side where the pump house and dam are.

Mr. Jaeger mentioned that the foundation work for the restroom has been poured. We are waiting for the concrete block, and the foundation for the gazebo which is part of the walking trail system. There will be a picnic area adjacent to a small playground. He then showed an overview of the entire project, with the lake full, the dam and spillway, and park in relationship to the surrounding properties.

Mr. Jaeger went on to say that we have received concurrence from FEMA on the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR). The only thing left to do with FEMA is to provide the asbuilt information from the project. That will be submitted as a formal Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).

Mr. Parrott added that landscaping will be done at the park. Mr. Jaeger said that he put together a landscape plan to dress up the park a little bit once the construction is done. It is basically flowering trees and some flower beds, low maintenance type plantings; a few oaks trees here and there, a scheme that is consistent with the Kenwood Park landscaping that was done previously by the county. Mr. Parrott commented that the bid will be ready for the plants to be put in at the proper time and the proper season. Mr. Jaeger said that he is prepared to advertise this for bid after the first of the year. Mr. Parrott commented that he is

starting to get prices for the tot lot, benches and picnic tables. Because of the way it looks at the walking trail below the marker, he is considering putting two concrete picnic tables since it will probably flood in this area.

III. WATER RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. Parrott stated that we have continued to notify our customers that we have water restrictions. Our water usage has dropped some. He said that the City of Fayetteville is going to adopt the same restrictions. Lake Horton actually came up just a little bit with the recent rain. Instead of being over 16 feet low, it is under 16 feet low. He said that we are pumping out of the Flint River today.

Mr. Parrott commented that we attempted to start impounding water on Lake McIntosh with the little rain we had, but we are struggling because we the flow is still not much more than what we are supposed to release downstream.

Mr. Krakeel asked how much lower Lake Horton has to get before we stop pumping. Mr. Jaeger replied that we can pump it almost dry. When the pump house was built, a channel was cut out to the old creek channel so that we could access pretty much all the water. It is the same at Lake Kedron, there is also a channel there. Mr. Parrott mentioned that we can also pump Lake Peachtree down if needed.

IV. TOILET REBATES.

Mrs. Speegle commented that last year, in January \$50,000.00 was allocated to the toilet rebate program. We now have about \$5,000.00 left. She asked if the Committee would like to continue this program.

Mr. Parrott explained that the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District in their water conservation program view this as a successful program. What he likes about this program is that they handle it for us for a minimum fee. They do all the verifications and checks. He said that he would like to continue the program because this program has been quite successful. It saves water and the toilet rebate is funding from the Water System that is reimbursement to a customer on their water bill. The program has changed in that they now only give credit for the 1.28 cfs toilets, which is a \$100.00 credit.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to continue the Toilet Rebate Program and fund it at the same level as last year, \$50,000.00. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

V. DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATING SERVICE AREA WITH THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. CANCEL WATER COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 26, 2012.

Tony Parrott made a motion to cancel the Water Committee meeting that is scheduled for December 26, 2012. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Parrott mentioned a letter in the package that we received the MIEX approval from the Department of Natural Resources. After the Board approves the contractors Thursday, this project will be ready to bid.

He also referenced a news article stating that the Flint River is one of the dirtier of the Georgia rivers, but they were talking about south of us. He also mentioned an article about the airport expanding its deicing capacity. The last paragraph states “that the current system is a temporary one, it was installed in 2002. This was to comply with a consent order reached with EPD after a glycol spill in the Flint River, the source of drinking water for Fayette County.” He pointed out that they did not say that it is the source of drinking water for Clayton and Fayette County.

Mr. Parrott stated that we should be able to get the Stormwater bill out in the next few days. This is another item that will improve water quality.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of one item of property acquisition. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and the committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Attorney Don Comer briefed the Committee on one item of property acquisition. The consensus of the committee was to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for Mr. Comer to move forward on this item.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 9th day of January, 2013.

Lisa Speegle