

WATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 27, 2013
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Brian Cardoza
Steve Rapson
Tony Parrott
Commissioner Steve Brown

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

David Jaeger
Dennis Davenport

GUEST:

Stephen Hogan, WASA
Frank Gardner

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 MARCH 13, 2013.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 13, 2013. Commissioner Steve Brown abstained from the vote and there was no opposition.

II. FLOATING BOAT DOCKS AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Parrott introduced Frank Gardner, who has an interest in installing a floating boat dock at Lake Horton. Mr. Gardner stated that he lives at Lester Road and last month he went down to Lake Horton to do a little fishing, when the boat ramps were first opened up. He referenced some photos he took on March 18. It is pretty hard to get off the ramp into a boat; it is a good five feet. He was able to crawl off the rocks and get into the boat to go fishing. Coming back in, it was difficult trying to get out of the boat with a bad back with a brace on it; he pulled up to the bank and had to try to climb up the bank. The rocks are so close that you cannot get the boat in.

Mr. Gardner said that it just so happens that he has been going to the Stormwater meetings and he got to talking to Mr. McCarty and he gave him his card. Mr. Gardner said he called Mr. McCarty and asked if we could do something better. Mr. Gardner told him we have a great place out there, great picnic area, rest rooms, everything is great. But, trying to get a boat in the place, unless it is a little flat bottom boat, it is just about impossible. He said he went down and took some pictures, sent an email to Mr. McCarty. Then Lisa called and invited him here.

Mr. Gardner stated that he has lived here for thirty three years. He spoke about his dogs and the situation he had with the ordinance and only being allowed to have three dogs in Fayette County. The Commissioners later changed the ordinance so you can have a hobby kennel. Mr. Gardner stated that since he had to get rid of all his dogs, he decided to start fishing. He said that he wants to thank the County Commissioners for listening to the county's peoples complaints.

Mr. Gardner stated that he would like to see something done where you can get boats in the lake a lot easier. He said there is plenty of room to put a cement wall down the side, and put a floating dock on it with a ramp coming off the existing walkway. If the water goes down, the dock goes down. He also suggested coming off the end of the pier, clean up the bushes and put a seawall there. He said that he does not see where it would take that much money. He knows money is tight. He said that he told the County Commissioners that if push came to shove, he thinks we could put it in the newspaper and get the fishermen around here to have some functions to try to raise money.

Mr. Gardner thanked the Committee for letting him come to speak. Commissioner Steve Brown thanked Mr. Gardner for bringing this to our attention and for volunteering to pitch in.

Further discussion pertained to different type products that could be used for a floating dock. Mr. Parrott stated that when Mr. Gardner's photos were taken Lake Horton was between 2 ½ to 3 feet low. The lake had been a little below 16 feet low. He went on to say that no matter what we do about a floating dock, there will be periods that it will be on dry land. The walkway was only put out there for being able to walk out to fish. Mr. Parrott commented that the Dragon Boat racers with the Rotary Club want to put floating docks in at Lake McIntosh. He said that he could look at this, get an idea of what it would take and then report back to the committee.

III. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

Mr. Jaeger reported that we are still monitoring the reservoir and will continue the dam and reservoir monitoring for the first year of operation. The pump station is ready now for use. Thorough testing of the pumps has been done, it is all on line. Tomorrow morning the last testing and startup for some of the water testing equipment that is required by the 404 permit is scheduled. Once that is complete the pump station will be 100% as well.

Mr. Jaeger reported that the park project is done with the exception of the landscaping contract. That was just recently executed by the Chairman; notice to proceed has now been issued to the contractor and he provided him with his executed contract. He is indicating that he is likely to move on site as early as next week. That project will be up and under way shortly.

Mr. Parrott reported that Safe Dams came for their annual visit for Category I dams. They went down to Lake Horton and Lake Kedron; while he had them, he also took them to Lake McIntosh in order for the annual inspection of all three sites to be on the same day. He commented that they were extremely happy with Lake McIntosh. At Lake Horton, we have a grassing problem that he recently reported to the Water Committee. He said that we are working on getting permission to sod it and put in an irrigation system. He said that he is waiting on a response. Because of the contract with the landscaping we will have some kind of ribbon cutting at Lake McIntosh Park in about 2 months.

Mr. Parrott stated that our consultant, Eco South has taken care of the first year of the monitoring on the mitigation sites. They have turned a report in to the Corp of Engineers. The report is 56 pages and is available if anyone wants a copy.

Mr. Jaeger commented that the mussel site on Line Creek downstream of the project is also being monitored. It will continue as well.

IV. MIEX UPDATE.

Mr. Jaeger said that he reported at the last meeting that they were going to meet with WASA about some outstanding permit issues. Specifically, it has to do with the parameters within the waste brine stream that comes off the MIEX treatment process. He said they met with Mr. Hogan's staff a week ago last Friday, along with some Orica engineers to discuss those; also, last week he provided them with some of the most recent sampling data. Raw water was sent to the Orica facility in Colorado; they simulated the process of using this system on Fayette County's raw water and then did some testing. That information was provided back to WASA Friday of last week. They have looked at it and in order to meet their concentration standards we are going to have to dilute the brine waste stream to bring the concentration of it down, particularly for COD, which is chemical oxygen demand, copper and lead. He said that he thinks we are getting close to satisfying the requirements to discharging the brine waste to Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority.

Mr. Rapson asked if there was a time frame of when the bid would go out. Mr. Jaeger said that as soon as we get this situation resolved with WASA we could set a bid date two weeks after that. The contractors are all pre-qualified; they have already had the bid package in hand for over a month. The only caveat to that would be if there were some modification we have to do to the plans in order to comply with the standards. We would need a little time to get that done first, and then give the bidders two weeks after that.

Mr. Rapson asked who is on the selection team and how are they going to be evaluated. How is it going to be structured? Mr. Jaeger said that once we have the bid opening, he will review the bids. We have already had the pre-qualification, so

we don't really have to do an analysis of the bidders themselves. No technical review, just to make sure that the bids are accurate, the math is right, that the bidder is comfortable with his number, there are no flaws or problems with that and that it is within the county's budget. It is fairly streamlined because we had the pre-qualification process. We don't always do that, only on those that have a specialty nature to the construction. We went through a thorough review of these contractors in the pre-qualification and then once the Board approved them, now it is just a matter of making sure their bid is in order.

V. REQUEST FOR WATER BILL INSERT FOR THE FRED AMPHITHEATER.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to insert the flyer for the Fred Amphitheatre in the water bills during the month of June. Vice Chairman Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 24th day of April, 2013.

Lisa Speegle