

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Frisina, Chairman  
Brian Cardoza  
Steve Rapson  
Commissioner Steve Brown

**ABSENT:**

James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman  
Tony Parrott

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

David Jaeger  
Dennis Davenport

**GUEST:**

Stephen Hogan, WASA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bill Stephens

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON AUGUST 28, 2013.**

Commissioner Steve Brown made the motion and Brian Cardoza seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 28, 2013. There was no opposition.

**II. MIEX UPDATE.**

David Jaeger reported in conjunction with CH2MHill doing more testing on coagulants, Orica also has done testing simultaneously with the same water that was sampled for the testing done by CH2MHill. Orica has completed the testing and we are now ready to have a follow up meeting to compare results whenever CH2MHill is done.

Mr. Rapson commented that he talked with CH2MHill and they are trying to set something up. He suggested the first week of October, which is supposedly after we select the Engineer of Record for the Water System so that we can follow up with them. He said that he is also going to reach out to Orica as well. CH2MHill was charged from the county to do the testing to figure it out. At the same time Orica, who is the firm who was going to do MIEX did the same testing. We should have the same testing results, the same type of flow. He said when he gets the date; he will coordinate with Mr. Jaeger.

**III. SANITARY SURVEY UPDATE.**

Mr. Rapson reported that he had a meeting with EPD and they have agreed to delay our response to the Sanitary Survey until this Thursday. He said that he gave them positions to reconsider in regards to the Sanitary Survey as well as the

Notice of Violations and the deficiencies. He will get their input back, tweak that report and release the County's position in regards to what the NOV's were; the ones that we may still have issues with and what our response is going to be in regards to how to fix the deficiencies and the timeline associated with it. He said that we already have the time line done; he is waiting to see what modifications are needed based on EPD feedback. He said he expects that feedback either today or first thing tomorrow.

Mrs. Speegle referenced the Notice of Violation dated September 3 has to be sent to the customer within 30 days of the date of the letter. The letter that is dated June 4 is an updated copy for information for the committee. That notice was sent to the customers in June. We received these two Notices of Violation in the mail the same day.

Mr. Rapson clarified that we received two and the one dated June 4 was a revision from the first one we already responded to. Mr. Rapson went on to say that we already did the first letter for the response for the NOV and in it we mentioned that another NOV would be coming because of the quarterly reporting. He said that we need to go ahead and draft a letter to that effect to send out with the water bills.

Mr. Rapson commented that we were aware of the non-penalty consent order as well. Because it was done two times in a row, this was an automatic non consent from DNR. The sixty day requirement will be handled by the Engineer of Record based on a lot of the findings from the MIEEX study. MIEEX should resolve all the problems associated with this particular issue.

Mr. Jaeger stated this is one of the goals of using that technology. The initial goal was TOC reduction. As a result of removing TOC we reduce the disinfection byproducts.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he has a suggestion, but does not know if it is possible or not. He said that he knows from a public perception of these violations, there has been some belief that the Water System puts a spin on these letters to the customers to confuse or downplay, when in actuality this is mandatory language that the state requires. If there is a way to communicate that to the customer in the notice, the notice you are receiving is dictated by the State of Georgia, something to clarify that the county is required to use the language that is in the notice, he said he does not know how far that would go as far as taking away the feeling that the customer is...

Mr. Rapson questioned if we could literally say "here's our official notice and here's the template we must follow" with the same notice. Mrs. Speegle explained that the last time we included a letter on one side of the notice. Mr. Rapson said in the letter we could refer to the backside you can see the template that is mandated by Georgia EPD that we must follow. Chairman Frisina commented that it is actually the notice of violation. Further discussion pertained to the verbatim language required in the NOV that will be mailed to the customers.

**Dennis Davenport commented that we need to keep in mind that when you do something like that you are opening yourself up with EPD saying, all you are doing is saying the words you are not taking the actions. If you are not owning that language that could open you up to a criticism from EPD. He said that he knows it is state required; by the same token, you can't just put the words down on paper and not do what the words are saying.**

**Mr. Rapson suggested we do the letter like we normally do, and then the people who call up and say they think we are downplaying it, we can send them a copy of the template.**

**Commissioner Brown commented that it is going to be hard to do anything with the public right now. He said that he thinks when we announce that we have finally taken...this is the step that we have done MIEG or whatever it is, to do this, then that's the big press release. He thinks that is when things will start heading in the other direction.**

**Mr. Jaeger asked if there is any kind of press release that precedes or happens simultaneously with the notice to the customers. Mr. Rapson replied no. Commissioner Brown said we did the last time. Mr. Rapson said we did one last time and in the letter we sent last time we stated this one was coming right behind it, on its heels, because of the logistics. He said he would rather just send the letter as opposed to a press release they complain about and then a letter they complain about.**

**Commissioner Brown said that he does not think it is a bad idea to say "as we told you in the previous notice, we were going to be receiving this". In other words, this is not something that has come out of the ground and here we are again. We knew it.**

**Mrs. Speegle explained that because of the timing when the notice is mailed out, there will be some notices that will have to be mailed separately from the water bills.**

#### **IV. REQUEST TO CLOSE LAKE MCINTOSH ROAD AND PARK FOR GREAT GEORGIA AIRSHOW.**

**Steve Rapson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to close the access road to McIntosh Park on Friday, October 11 from 3:00 p.m. until Sunday October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in recognition of the Great Georgia Airshow. Commissioner Steve Brown seconded and there was no opposition.**

**Mr. Rapson stated that we will post it on the web site. Commissioner Brown suggested sending a press release. Mr. Jaeger asked about a temporary sign being placed on the road. Commissioner Brown said that he thinks Planterra is closed,**

**too. He suggested calling them and then send a press release on all of it. Mr. Hogan mentioned that Aviation Drive will be closed as well.**

**There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:15 A.M.**

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**Peter A. Frisina**

**The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 25th day of September, 2013.**

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**Lisa Speegle**