

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 27, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman  
Steve Rapson  
Lee Pope  
Commissioner Charles Oddo  
Jimmy Preau

**ABSENT:** Pete Frisina, Chairman

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** Dennis Davenport  
Michael Diaz

**STAFF:** Russell Ray, Bill Stevens, Chet Ward

**GUEST:** Chris Keever

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Chip Conner at 8:00 A.M. This meeting was held at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant in Peachtree City.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JANUARY 13, 2016.**

Lee Pope made the motion and Jimmy Preau seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2016. There was no opposition.

**II. LAKE PEACHREE UPDATE.**

Steve Rapson reported he went down and talked to the superintendent two days ago. They were almost at the point where they could start dredging again when it rained again; and it is raining as we speak. As soon as the roads dry out they can get back in there, the superintendent estimated they have about one week within the lake to do, once they get in it. They have to be able to get in the lake when it is dry.

Dennis Davenport asked if the bathymetric survey has to be done by January 31. Mr. Pope replied yes. Mr. Pope commented that once we get the lake drained down to where the contractor can go in, they actually have to manually pump some of the areas they are working in; over some of the berms and the roads. There is a little more pumping to move water out of their way once the reservoir gets down to a level where they can work.

Mr. Pope reported we are finished with all the work at the spillway and we are awaiting the final report from Craig Robinson at Piedmont Geotechnical. He said he anticipates having that report by the end of this week.

**Mr. Rapson talked about a machine they are using to do core sampling in preparation of the future spillway, they also did some core sampling back where we are completing work at Drake Field. He explained we recently agreed to a change order, and we have already written the check to Peachtree City and provided \$25,000.00 toward their effort on Drake Field. They want to, the last he heard, build a golf cart path with some passive lighting and that type of stuff in Drake Field. Our responsibility for Drake Field will end once we get completely out of the lake. They will actually restore Drake Field to its original condition.**

### **III. UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.**

**Russell Ray reported that on the chemical feed project we are using the lime in the silos now. Then Allsouth will demo the existing feed systems at Crosstown and South Fayette. That will complete chemical systems improvement part of the project. He said with the Lake Horton Actuators, the control cabinets have been delivered to run those actuators. There is final electrical work to be done, and then Pratt will be scheduled for the startup. He said we are processing Pay Estimate #10 on that project. The balance left is \$245,084.03. There may be only one more pay request on this project.**

**Mr. Ray said a lot of work has been going on with the Lakeshore filter project. They have accomplished a lot down in the pipe gallery. They are getting the filters ready for the new under drain systems; they poured a pad yesterday for the chlorine dioxide (the subgrade). The area was wet with all the rain; they finally came up with a way to get started on that.**

**Michael Diaz commented that is an interesting area, just because it is sort of hidden from sunlight. It has been a challenge for the contractor to keep it dry so they could keep it going. They were pretty close late last year, but the rains came in and have been pounding them. There is another method by which they will be able to approach it, stabilize, subgrade and then start moving forward. They are making pretty good progress on the filters; Chris Keever is here for the under drain system. The Filter Magic control system work is currently moving ahead of schedule, which is good. The chlorine dioxide system and the PAC system are not part of the critical path for the project, but they have been making good progress there as well.**

**Mr. Rapson commented they have been doing an excellent job keeping all those projects on budget and on time. He also acknowledged Bill Stevens and Chet Ward for their contribution to these projects. Mr. Pope commented that Michael, Bill and Chet have had to overcome things that we did not realize existed. Anytime there was an issue that we did not know about, we did not have a drawing, they have had to overcome those issues on the fly, so to speak. He said they have done an excellent job keeping things on track.**

**Mr. Diaz said there have definitely been some challenges; He said he appreciates what Bill and Chet have been doing to try to keep things going, as well as Russell.**

He added that he also has to acknowledge AllSouth the contractor for the lime system and Lakeshore. He said he realizes we have to work with low bid circumstances, but they have been able to step up to the plate. They have been happy to get to the table and work with the whole group.

Mr. Ray commented we are at \$2,665,753.38, about 45%, to finish this project. That includes work performed and onsite materials. The filter under drains, media and some of the baffles are on site. Mr. Pope stated that part of the frustration is these guys have had to keep the plant in operation so we could meet the systems demands, all while they were trying to do all this construction. It has really been a struggle at times. They have done a really good job because we have not had any issues with supply.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Session:** Lee Pope made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2016. Steve Rapson seconded and there was no opposition.

Steve Rapson made a motion to adjourn the meeting to view the Crosstown Treatment Plant. Mr. Pope seconded and the committee adjourned.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Chip Conner adjourned the meeting at 8:10 A.M.

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Chip Conner

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of February, 2016.

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Lisa Speegle