

WATER COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
James Preau, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Lee Pope, Water System Director
Chip Conner
Commissioner Steve Brown

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Michael Diaz, CH2M

GUEST: Stephen Hogan

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 JANUARY 11, 2017.

Chip Conner made the motion and Lee Pope seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2017. The motion passed with Steve Brown abstaining.

II. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE.

Lee Pope stated we are planning our capital projects for next year. We have done a lot of renovation at the Crosstown Water Treatment facility, and we have some items to address at the South Fayette plant, as well as some Distribution System items. We have done a lot of improvements, we are headed in the right direction, but there are still a lot of things we need to address. When we get our Engineer of Record awarded, hopefully we can get these things on line for next year.

Mr. Ray presented photos of the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant Improvements project. He showed the contractor pay application information, another pay application has come in and is being processed. He said Mr. Diaz evaluated the retainage and per a request from the contractor we have reduced the retainage. We have \$209,813.80 left on this project.

Mr. Diaz explained we have reduced the retainage; we have not released all retainage. There are still a few items that are still left. He said we are now starting to move in to sort of a punch list mode, to let the contractor have an opportunity to go through and start looking at all the different areas for them to be able to bring

up their own punch list and take care of that issue before we start coming in behind them.

Mr. Ray showed photos of the Maintenance Team changing out a bag of carbon. He showed the photos and described the process involved in detail. The bags weigh about 800 pounds each.

Mr. Pope stated the Purate Chlorine Dioxide system is about ready for start-up. We are in the middle of getting sulfuric acid purchased through Purchasing.

Mr. Diaz commented that for now the contractor is taking advantage, working on punch list work, staying busy completing sidewalks and grassing. Mr. Pope commented we plan to have a meeting at the Crosstown Water Plant in the near future.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Brown commented that Mr. Pope had let him know when they were at an employee luncheon that the bridge near Starr's Mill off Georgia 85 is coming due to be replaced. He said he thought we should get something that works with the aesthetics of the mill and try to come up with a bridge design that is not the Jersey barrier type, nasty looking concrete bridge, and see if we can come up with something if DOT would work with us. He said a resolution will be on the Boards' agenda on February 9 related to asking DOT to work with us on that. With the bridge, obviously you will get a larger span underneath which will help a lot of the flow from the creek, which is really backed up and caused a lot of problems. He said the banks look absolutely horrific. When you pull in that parking lot there's natural debris all over the place. If we can get the problem solved with the bridge then maybe we can look at restoring some of those banks and getting that side of the site looking a lot better. The bridge would probably help do something like that. The Board will be talking about this on February 9.

Mr. Pope said that bridge has a project number and is scheduled for 2019 – 2020; we are on the right timing to do this. Mr. Rapson said in that same meeting we had a discussion about Mr. Breest wanting to do some cleanup at Starr's Mill and we all decided probably the best way to go about doing that is maybe having our next meeting at Starr's Mill. Then we can walk the site to see what type of cleaning we want. Invite the Historical Society; invite the residents, everybody that came to the last Starr's Mill meeting. Just get a feel for what we are talking about doing; rumors run rampant about cutting all the trees down. That is not what we are envisioning. He said we did have a couple of meetings with concerned residents; they all ended up being very happy with what our recommendation is. We talked with Commissioner Brown and he was okay with the approach. He said he thinks it would be good for the Water Committee to get a feel for what we are doing about cleaning up that site and discuss if there is any type of cleanup along the banks and on the road, that we get the community involved too, so we can get everybody's

feedback before we actually make a recommendation to the Water Committee and then take it to the Board of Commissioners for their ratification.

Mr. Pope said they have met with a couple of citizens and the Water Committee may have citizens come to them and it would be good to understand. He said he thinks the gray area was we said cleanup and everybody wasn't so sure what cleanup meant. You could take it to extreme and offend a lot of people. Commissioner Brown said it does not mean clear cut. Clean up and clear cut are two different things.

Mr. Pope said we will get it to a level we are comfortable with and what we also feel we can maintain. We want to be careful about how much cleanup we do, because we want to continue to maintain it. Mr. Rapson said you can't just clean it up and then only do it every ten years. He said we will be scheduling that as soon as we get a feel for what we will be putting on the GIS map we will share that with the Board and schedule that meeting to be at Starr's Mill.

Commissioner Brown made a comment about looking at vegetative buffering amongst the adjoining properties. There is a trailer and a couple of other houses with some cars on blocks and some things like that. We can put something in there that grows tall and wide. That probably would not be a bad thing to buffer it out a little bit.

Chip Conner made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee January 25, 2017 meeting. Lee Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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 8th day of February, 2017.

Lisa Speegle