

WATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2017
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Steve Brown

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Alan Bowling, CH2M

GUEST: Tony Parrott

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 FEBRUARY 22 , 2017.

Lee Pope made the motion and Chip Conner seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 22, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DANIELE MATTESCO TO DISCUSS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.

Mr. Pope explained Mr. Mattesco was not able to attend the meeting due to his school schedule. He said Mr. Mattesco has asked to be placed on another agenda and he will work with Mrs. Speegle and himself. Mr. Pope said Mr. Mattesco wants to build some enclosures for the trash cans, or maybe look at doing some benches that could withstand the weather but also enhance the project. He wants to make this his Eagle Scout project at Starr's Mill. Mr. Rapson commented that part of the process of becoming an Eagle Scout is physically coming here and making a presentation. Mr. Rapson noted for the record that Commissioner Brown thought this meeting was canceled. He had a conflict is why he is not here this morning.

III. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE.

Russell Ray gave a brief overview of this project. He said the work continues the contractor is very near completion; they are doing a lot of cleanup. They took their trailer out yesterday. One last project they have been working on is relocating a couple of our sample pumps. The sample pumps were located behind a pipe in a corner. He pointed this out on a photo. He said we are looking forward to this area being freed up. There used to be pipework there for the filtered surface wash. All that

piping is gone and now we are able to use this space for the sample pump. He pointed out the pipe for the settled water coming from the settling basins; the effluent line, and all the pipes have been labeled, as well as the line the pump is pulling from. All these pipes go back up to the lab to a sink where we have several faucets that water is constantly coming out; they can sample that right in the lab and run their analysis on the water. He explained the piping is all new PVC going up to the lab. The latest pay application number 18 has been processed bringing us to 96% of the total for the project. The balance to finish is \$188,404.11 which includes the retainage.

Mr. Pope commented that the long term plan is we will eventually have one more meeting at the Crosstown Plant to see the final results once everything is 100% completed. He said he did not see a need to meet there when we have ten or fifteen things still lingering. Mr. Ray mentioned that Mr. Diaz will be back in town next week and they will put together a punch list. They are already working on punch list items, cleaning up on their own. Overall this project is in good shape.

IV. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF STARR'S MILL CLEAN UP.

Mr. Pope showed an overview of the Starr's Mill property, He said we will pick up the larger trees in that area; six inch or above. Mr. Rapson said we plan to look at trees that are six inches and bigger, we will remove those less than six inches. That is not always the case; if they are hardwood trees and trees we want to keep, they may be smaller than six inch and we want to keep them. Mr. Pope said that is why it is important we go out there and flag them, so everybody can go out there and get a visual, especially our community that is really concerned about this. What we are not going to do is clear cut. We may remove a few trees that are dead, one or two have already been identified as dead. We definitely need to remove those. There are some that are in bad health. They are not dead yet, but they are on the way. The other ones we are going to limb up, so that they are clean from the ground up. You can visually see the property. The Board is petitioning for a nicer bridge to be installed. The bridge is about to be upgraded. We have asked the State to do a little something different there, so it is not just your standard concrete barrier bridge. He said he thinks they will do that as we get more attention on this property. With that being said, that is going to minimize the flooding that we see on site.

Mr. Pope said this is an overview of what we are planning to do. He said he does not know why he has to have Water Committee and Board of Commissioner approval to go in and clean underbrush and rotten trees and things of that nature. Because of the sensitivity of the project we will do that because we want to please everybody. Basically, we just want to clean up the growth.

On the photo he pointed out trees that we don't want to remove, but we can clean them up. He pointed out several trees that we plan to clean up; these trees are all larger than six inches. Then we will clean out a lot of the underbrush. He pointed

out some trees in a cluster that we will need to get in and clean them out. Once we get in there we may save some of them. It is hard to tell right now what size they are. We may remove a few so the others can flourish. They will kill each other if they stay too close. He commented the Arborist said it is a good idea to thin those trees out for health. They don't like to let trees just stay all grouped together. He said we will be involving Environmental Management for this. We know we are working in the buffer and those things, so Bryan Keller will be on board to make sure we are not violating any of those rules and impacting the environment negatively. He pointed out some trees we definitely do not want to remove, but we would want to clean them up. We will probably leave most of the trees; just clean those up so people can clearly see the property.

Mr. Rapson pointed out the boundary where the trees will be located that are being addressed. He said some folks were concerned about how much we are going to do. Some trees we will limb up primarily. He pointed out some undergrowth that needs to be cleaned up, on both banks. He pointed out areas we will be focusing on. He said Steve Hoffman is going to see if anything can be done to make the road off of Highway 85 a little safer. It is all GDOT's right of way, so we have to work with GDOT and coordinate with them on what we are going to do. The bridge is scheduled for 2019. He said Sam Wellborn was here for the transportation meeting yesterday. He said they brought it up and Mr. Wellborn acknowledged he has that resolution. Mr. Rapson said he is not sure. If they are going to do something there, they are going to embrace that concept and give us money to do that or come back ask the county to enhance it and tell us what we have to pay.

Mr. Pope pointed out our starting point on the photos. He used Google Earth to view the site and point out some issues that need to be addressed. He pointed out the driveway down to the USGS station. There were some comments about whether we want people driving down into this area or not. Right now people drive down and park in there. There is a picnic table in this area. Mr. Rapson said he does not have a problem with people being in this area. Most folks go on the other side.

Mr. Pope said we are not going to remove a whole lot of trees. More than likely we will just clean up the trees that are there, remove some of the under growth and underbrush, the dead vines and things of that nature. Mr. Rapson said we will paint the trees to remove or trim. It will be manually intensive work along the creek; we won't be able to get a piece of equipment in that area. Mr. Pope said within 25 feet will have to be done by hand. The committee reviewed the road and entrances into Starr's Mill. There was some discussion about what enhancements need to be made to the road, which is county maintained and which is privately owned.

Mr. Pope commented we are talking mostly about just cleaning up the interior of the building, the bird feces and all that; we are not talking about any major construction. He said he thinks eventually we will have to address what happened with the floors in there. Apparently, we get a lot of excitement now, we talk about

cutting trees, but nobody got real excited when we went in there and put shelving boards on the floor for a movie to be filmed. He said he thinks somehow or another we have to address how that affected the fabric of the building. That is one thing Steve Brown brought up is protecting the integrity of the structure. We have already dropped the ball there when we let the movie company go in there and put those boards in that don't match the building. Somehow we have to remove those and go back to two hundred year old planks. He said we will bring that back to talk about how to address that, get that back up to its historical heritage. He said we have found a place that takes them, mills them and disassembles them. So we can get the exact boards, same age, to go back in there. Mr. Conner mentioned a man in Concord Georgia does that.

Mr. Pope said we have all this excitement in our community about protecting a historical building and we have already dropped the ball when we put shelving boards on the floor for a movie to be filmed. He said what he thinks we really want to do is, those are not original boards, and those are boards they put in for the filming of a movie. We have to figure out how we are going to fix that. The bridge that was built during the movie has since washed away.

V. SANITARY SURVEY RESULTS.

Mr. Rapson referred to a letter from EPD. They came out and evaluated the system. The overall score for the South Fayette Plant was 95.8% and Crosstown was 95.6%. He said he talked with the Water Treatment Plant Operator at Crosstown and asked why he was .2% less than the other one. His reply was that he had further to go and he had made more improvements. Mr. Rapson said those are outstanding scores and it shows how far we have come in that Sanitary Survey. There are some items that have to be addressed, but most of those are housekeeping items. Mr. Pope stated most of them have already been addressed. There are some other things we are addressing that were not notated; things that we saw when we went through with EPD. He commented that we did not print the full document since it was so much paper. There are some components in the document that we will never be able to answer. Do you own your entire watershed, nobody owns their own watershed. There are a few in New York and one in North Carolina. Then there is another question that says are you making efforts to purchase all the land within your water shed. No, we would never do that, as big as our watersheds are. There are certain things you will never get, so you will never get 100%.

Mr. Rapson commented they did not give us any points for being substantially better than the last Sanitary Survey; he said he thought we should have gotten those points.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Parrott commented about the floor of the mill. Every board that was on that floor that they removed is on the second floor. The flooring was not even, so

the patching they did over the years is upstairs. He said we just left the movie floor down, which made sense. Two hundred year old wood is not what needs to go back since it is not a two hundred year old building. He said he still thinks it ought to go to Parks and Recreation. Mr. Pope said we will have to make sure to get the right boards, he said he just made the point that they have up to two hundred year old and that will definitely cover this project.

Mr. Pope commented the fourth Water Guardian cleanup is scheduled for Lake McIntosh Saturday April 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He said he welcomes anybody to join us that would like to get in a kayak and go around and clean up one of our water bodies. We picked Lake McIntosh and will be doing all of them throughout the year just like we did last year. The first one is on April 8. The information is on the Facebook page, and is also on the county web page.

Mr. Pope commented that Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority got their annual stream report; they are required to do this as part of their discharge below Lake Peachtree. This is the first time ever, because of our continued releases; they have not had DO below the limit. That stream is now supporting natural aquatic life. Since we are releasing the minimum stream flow from Lake Peachtree it has definitely improved the stream quality. He said that report will come out soon.

Mr. Rapson commented that Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority received for the 10th straight year a clean audit. He referred to the water bill insert that was included with the Water Committee package. He said the Model Water Tower Competition was also included in this insert.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Steve Rapson made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee March 8, 2017 meeting. Chip Conner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 22nd day of March, 2017.

Lisa Speegle