

WATER COMMITTEE
JUNE 23, 2004
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Watkins, Chairman
Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman
Chris Cofty
Tony Parrott
Chris Venice

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally
Jim Mallett

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Watkins at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2004.

Tony Parrott made the motion and Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2004. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION OF RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Mr. Parrott reported that the subcommittee (Mr. McNally, Mrs. Venice and himself) got together to work on the nine restrictions as presented. These restrictions are for the one hundred foot buffer for the Reservoir Management Plan. Changes the committee had requested were no trees larger than 2 inches be cut, and no pruning above ten feet. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton stated that if grass gets too high, there is a canopy under it and then you have loose soil where nothing will grow. You then get more erosion.

The committee discussed that no soil disturbance would include no fill dirt. The question came up whether DNR would approve these items as they are. Mr. Parrott stated he did not know if they would approve them, but we will submit the plan to them and see if they approve it.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend the Reservoir Management Plan to the Board of Commissioners as amended. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

FLAT CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Parrott stated that Flat Creek Club has an underground storage tank problem at their maintenance facility on Flat Creek. He went on to say we received a notice and he will go

by to look at the report. It does not appear to affect Lake Peachtree. They have some type remediation plan they will have to do for this fuel tank.

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD PROGRAM

Mr. Parrott commented that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has the ARC working on the 41 stream segments for TMDL's. These stream segments are also on the EPA's 303D list, which means they do not support fishing or drinking water, or whatever is the purpose on that section. We have two in Fayette County, number 39 on the map which is for sediment. This is south of Union City. For some reason the sediment ends up in Fayette County. The other stream is the Flint River, starting at our pump station at Woolsey going south to Horton Creek. It is on the list for fecal coliform. The fecal coliform may be coming from the pastures with cows and horses along the stream. Fayette County's restrictions on septic tanks and floodplains has kept everything far away from the river. He went on to say that he took two of the ARC staff members down for a half day. They went in everywhere on the river you could drive into. They are only proposing a reduction of 12% of fecal coliform levels on that section of the river in 10 years. He thinks this is a goal we can probably achieve. He commented there were some at the meeting who thought the mitigation of the streams should be higher. This section of the Flint includes Clayton, Henry, Fayette and Spalding County.

HIGHWAY 85 ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Parrott reported on Highway 85 North at Morning Creek we have a 10 inch water line under the bridge. DOT is going to jack the bridge up 2 feet. He asked about the Water System leaving our water line on the bridge. The answer he got back was that they are not going to disturb the approach slabs, and we need to consider getting off the bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tony Parrott made a motion and Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded to adjourn to executive session for discussion of two items of real estate acquisition. Attorney McNally discussed these two items with the committee.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the first item discussed. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the second item discussed. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:25A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 14th day of July, 2004.

Lisa McElwaney