

WATER COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 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

STAFF PRESENT: **Russell Ray**

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 14, 2004.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 14, 2004. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION OF FEES AT LAKE KEDRON AND STARR'S MILL.

Attorney McNally commented that he did not think the funding would be a hold back at Lake Kedron. If we refused admittance it would be one thing, but he thinks we have the right to charge a parking fee (user fee) to maintain the park.

Chris Cofty commented that the charges the Board approved for Lake Horton are only for fishing. There are no parking fees. Anyone can go down there, if they are going to fish there is a fee. Mr. McNally explained that if we said they could not come if they are not a resident we could have a problem.

The Board of Commissioners voted to charge \$10.00 a day for fishing at Lake Horton. The committee discussed at length a variety of situations that could arise, such as: out of town guests, vehicles with out of town tag and trailer with Fayette County tag, how much fishing is done at Starr's Mill, keeping the fee consistent at all lakes, the cost of installing the pay stations and if we could recoup the money. Mr. Parrott agreed to come up with some numbers for Starr's Mill and Lake Kedron.

The Committee further discussed placing signs giving the legal limits of the size fish that can be kept. When the creel survey is done in the fall, signs will be placed at Lake Horton.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners changing the fee from a fishing fee to a parking fee at Lake Horton to make it more manageable. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

III. DISCUSSION OF CANCELING MEETING ON AUGUST 11, 2004.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to cancel the meeting on August 11, 2004. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

GRASS CARP IN LAKE PEACHTREE

Mr. Parrott commented that 625 grass carp needed to be placed in Lake Peachtree. The size will be 10 - 12 inch. This item is on the Boards agenda for a future meeting. Chairman Watkins suggested placing 1/4 in the lake one year, then 1/4 the next couple of years. The carp would be different ages and sizes and would not die off at the same time. Mr. Parrott explained that the area that has the grass is where we will put the fish. The number we are estimating is what Fish & Wildlife recommend placing per acre. The channel up Flat Creek has gotten so bad that the golf course is trying to figure out what to do about their irrigation pump.

WATER PRODUCTION

Mr. Parrott reported that on July 24 the Water System produced 16,690,000 gallons of water. That was the max day. The minimum day for July was only 7,370,000. We picked up the City of Fayetteville as a water customer last week when Whitewater Creek got lower than normal. They used about 1.2 million per day. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton mentioned that his water had been dingy and asked why. Mr. Parrott responded this was related to the water use going up to nearly 17 million gallons per day. We had to do some flushing in the system. It was spotted in different areas where we had not had that kind of flow in a while. It stirred up some of the residuals in the water lines.

DUCTILE IRON PIPE

Chairman Watkins asked where we are on the recommendation that was made to the Board on the ductile iron pipe. Mr. Parrott replied that he would check with Mark Pullium on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Parrott made a motion to adjourn to executive session for 1 legal item and 2 real estate items. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

Attorney McNally advised the committee on these three items. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:50 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 25th day of August, 2004.

Lisa McElwaney