

WATER COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 27, 2004
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Davenport
David Jaeger
Russell Ray

ABSENT:

Chris Cofty
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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2004.

Tony Parrott made the motion and Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 22, 2004. There was no opposition.

II. BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION.

Mr. Parrott explained the only change he made to the policy to comply with the Department of Natural Resources is in the past we tested backflows 3" and larger, now we will test those 2" and larger. When they did our system survey, this was one of their requests. We will continue to test the backflows ourselves and keep up with the records ourselves. He referenced a model ordinance that he will discuss with Mr. McNally and Mr. Davenport to be sure it complies with the wording that Fayette County wants.

Mr. Parrott went on to say the basic premise behind our Cross Connection Control Program is containment. We put a backflow at the meter and keep whatever the business or industry has from getting into our system. If they need sub-backflow protection within the building, because of something they are doing, that is their responsibility. We are just protecting our customers from them. We are not in the business to make sure that their building or process is contained within, just that it does not get to any of our customers.

We will do the testing in-house for the fire lines and the 2". We test the 4", 6" and 8" meters yearly. When that contractor tests the meter we have the backflow tested, so we don't disrupt the service to that business but one time. Someone from the Water System

attends the test to shut down the valves for the meter and make sure the business has water to the bypass. We have somebody on site and will continue to do it this way. The 2" meters will probably add 150 services that we will have to test each year.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the Cross Connection Control by Containment Policy. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition

III. BOHANNON ROAD WATER SERVICE.

Mr. Parrott explained that Bohannon Road comes out of Fulton County, goes through Fayette County and then goes into Coweta. There is a new water line on Bohannon Road from the City of Atlanta to Coweta County. We have a request from someone to connect to this water line that is a resident of Fayette County. He remarked that at this time he is not sure whether it is the City of Atlanta water line or Coweta County water line. He is not sure where they put the meter between the two entities. Either way, it would be somebody else providing service to Fayette County. We have an 8" water line down Kirkley Road, but it is ½ mile away. The person requesting service is located at the corner of Kirkley and Bohannon. Currently we have six lots in the south end of the County served by Griffin, down below Brooks. We have thirteen customers served by Clayton County Water Authority on Highway 138 and Landmark Mobile Home Park on Milam Road is served by City of Atlanta.

The committee discussed having a master meter to serve this customer, extending the water line on Kirkley Road or purchasing this section of pipe. Eventually this area will grow. Dennis Davenport suggested checking to see if the Atlanta water agreement could be changed.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of November, 2004.

Lisa McElwaney