

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JULY 13, 2005**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**                   Chuck Watkins, Chairman  
  Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman  
  Tony Parrott  
  Chris Venice

**ABSENT:**                                 Bill McNally  
  Jim Mallett

**STAFF PRESENT:**                   Dennis Davenport  
  David Jaeger

**GUEST:**                                 Tanya Jones, Ronnie Johnson Construction

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

**I.       APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JUNE 22, 2005.**

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 22, 2005. There was no opposition.

**II.     TONYA JONES TO DISCUSS WATER ACCOUNT.**

Ms. Jones addressed the committee with a complaint about the water department. She explained that she is here on behalf of Ronnie Johnson Construction. They moved their offices in March and therefore had a new mailing address. She received a letter from the Fayette County Water Department saying that water bills were not forwardable mail. They are returned to the water department and they would have to change the address. They already had some bills that were late, because they had not been forwarded and been returned to the water department. She sent a letter back with all the lot numbers that needed to be changed. Inadvertently, one of them did not get changed. They got ready to close the house. On July 1, the buyer of the home sent an inspector out and there was a lock on the meter. He could not complete his inspection because of the lock on the meter. She stated she came up here on July 1, which was a Friday and paid it. She told them that there had been a lock on the meter and that they were trying to have this house inspected. When could they get the water turned back on? The girl told her by days end, then she said probably within a hour and half. On Wednesday, her husband called her to say the inspector was back and the lock was still on the meter. She called back on Wednesday and was told they would get somebody to take the lock off right away. Friday, the inspector showed back up and there is still a lock on the meter. Now, the closing that was supposed to happen on Friday has been postponed. Ms. Jones stated, that according to her calculation,

**it is going to cost about \$420.00 because a lock was not taken off a meter. That is ridiculous. She cannot run a business this way. This is the way they make a living, and they can't postpone closings for a week because they can't get a lock taken off a meter. There is nothing they can do. Their hands are so tied at this point. She can't cut the lock off the meter herself. She went on to say that she just wanted the Committee to know. To her, it is a serious problem. They have nowhere else to go buy water from. They are stuck, their hands are tied. The lock was removed Friday afternoon, after lunch. Emery removed it. Now, the inspector can't get back out there. There is no way the closing is going to happen before July 22. The homeowners are very upset. They are moving here on a business transfer. At this point, she is hopeful it happens on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Chairman Watkins clarified there was a week delay after she paid.**

**Mr. Parrott commented that there was more than one lot. The other lot was turned on promptly. She came in a couple of days before July 1st to get that one turned on. There was no problem, and it was turned on. He asked if they were next to each other.**

**Ms. Jones replied she is talking about Lot 25. She did not know.**

**Mr. Parrott stated he thought part of the confusion was how close together they were. Both lots being turned off. The water had been off for three or four months. He went on to say this was a mistake that staff made. Had someone been living in the house and it got messed up Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, there would have been somebody there that would call the after hours number. The after hours plant guy would have gone out and turned it on. Instead it was not noticed that it was still off until the following Wednesday. Everything that could go wrong did. Again, because there was no one living in the house. We have twenty-four response. One call after hours, the water plant would have taken the lock off and turned it back on.**

**Ms. Jones stated it took her three attempts. It is on now. She stated it is costing her money for that house to sit another week. Not to mention, she likes to have happy homeowners. If she goes into a house selling with disgruntled homeowners, that has a ripple effect that continues on and on. Now they are very upset. She would like to think that would never happen again.**

**Chairman Watkins stated that the Committee appreciates her concerns and they are sorry this happened.**

**Ms. Jones exited the meeting.**

### **III. TKD BOULEVARD EXTENSION ALIGNMENT.**

David Jaeger explained that he received a phone call from the City Engineer with City of Peachtree City asking him to review the new alignment for TDK Boulevard extension. Basically, with respect to the proposed Lake McIntosh project. Just as a background, TDK Boulevard extension between Fayette County and Coweta County encountered some alignment problems due to the clear zone north of the runway at Falcon Field. That was the original alignment. The original alignment did not conflict with any of the proposed construction on Lake McIntosh. The alignment has been revised. Moving the road north at the end of the runway to avoid this clear zone does not create a conflict with the lake or the dam. It does encroach into the elevation 790 flood easement that the county owns. He looked at the design grades for the road as it goes through this easement. The road itself is actually above elevation 790. It is not that there is a risk of the roadway being flooded out, even if it were to go up to 790, it is more of a horizontal issue where this easement area would be partially encroached on and moved closer to the reservoir. From an engineering standpoint, he thinks there is no consequence on the design of the reservoir. It is just the matter of the fact that the road will be going through an area that the county has an easement for potential flooding. He stated that he thought it best to bring this before the Water Committee to make them aware of it. He stated he discussed it briefly with Tony Parrott and Bill McNally. There is really no action, in his opinion, that needs to be taken. He did think it is worth discussing.

Mr. Jaeger presented plans and described the change in the alignment of the road in detail for the Committee to review.

### **IV. LAKE HORTON PARKING.**

Mr. Parrott explained there has been a problem with out of county parking payments at Lake Horton. The system currently being used is to take an envelope, place your money inside, tear off the hanger, hang it in your window and drop the envelope with the money into the lockbox. People use the tear off, and drop the envelope in the box without any money in it. This is not working well for the Marshal's to be able to enforce. One of the commissioners asked that this be reviewed. Mr. Parrott went on to say that he, Mark Pullium, and Tom Sawyer have looked at several different options for a machine that you can put the money in and it will print a receipt to place in your window. The receipt has a date which would take care of the problem.

The Committee discussed people dropping envelopes with no money, using the same ticket for multiple days, the difficulty of doing a spot check on the box, the cost of the machine being close to \$15,000.00, and surveillance cameras.

Mr. Parrott stated in less than six months, nearly \$12,000.00 has been collected at \$10.00

**per car. County employees have a County ID already issued. If they live out of county, they should place their ID card in the window to avoid paying the parking fee.**

**Mr. Parrott added that a Commissioner has requested that we make more of an effort to let Parks & Recreation and other people know about changes with the parks. We need to be a little more pro-active. He stated we will make a greater effort to let everyone know what is going on.**

**Mrs. Venice asked that a map be provided to the Board of Commissioners to show the areas that will be open for bank fishing, and where we will re-vegetate for the discussion at the next Board meeting.**

**There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:45 A.M.**

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**Chuck Watkins**

**The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of July, 2005.**

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**Lisa McElwaney**