

WATER COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2005
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally

ABSENT:

Jim Mallett

STAFF PRESENT:

David Jaeger
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 NOVEMBER 9, 2005.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 9, 2005. There was no opposition.

II. DECENTRALIZED SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

Tony Parrott stated the discussion about decentralized sanitary sewer systems the committee has been having also includes other items we need to do within the system. With the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District one thing we need to address is having a plan for the sanitary sewer. In the last discussion we talked about a septic system that is an enhanced system for a house that either has a community tank or individual tank with a drain field. Then there is the type of system that is a package plant, even though it is a decentralized part of the system, it is a fully operational plant. One the subcommittee looked at will handle a place five times the size of Brooks. We need to consider whether we want to treat all these the same way. We may have a septic system that runs on its own that has no treatment other than the tank itself, as compared to a system that is expandable and can serve more than one development. It could make a difference in the community, if you didn't watch something that serves 500 people, should we watch over it with the same care as we do a septic system that is only going to handle 10 or 12 houses.

Pete Frisina commented that yesterday he received the news from Rick Fehr that the Board of Health is directing him to regulate these systems locally in conjunction with the State. Mr. Frisina's understanding from Mr. Fehr is that he is going to use the State standards, he is going to regulate these systems, require they get a State permit as well as the local permit. He is going to regulate them in the same fashion that the State requires.

David Jaeger asked if he has the ability to enforce county created ordinances beyond what the State does? Mr. Frisina stated that Mr. Fehr said he is going to use the State specs to make sure the system works. Mr. McNally commented that we can pass County regulations, which the Board of Health usually adopts, which means they will also be enforced.

Mr. Frisina commented that he had polled some counties and his peers at ARC. Rockdale County is taking the stand that they are going to take no responsibility and they are going to take no action. If they go in, whoever puts them in, it is at their risk. They have some sewer in the county. Spalding County will act as trustee. Coweta has some regulations. Both Henry and Douglas don't deal with them because of the public sewer. Henry has stopped two of them because they were putting them in a Watershed Drinking basin. Douglas is sewerred enough they are not worried about these things going in.

Chairman Watkins asked if the State regulations will be good enough to satisfy Fayette County. Mr. Frisina stated he would like to sit down with Rick Fehr and review the regulations. We might want to put in some regulations, such as buffers and separations. How close would we want a drain to be to a neighboring piece of property.

Chairman Watkins expressed concern about the regulations and the inspection process. The committee discussed Mr. Frisina reviewing the information that is available, having soil scientist reports, and setting our own specifications to remove everything.

Mr. Parrott made a motion for Mr. McNally to be included in the committee with David Jaeger, Pete Frisina and himself to gather more information to bring back to the committee. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DECEMBER 28, 2005.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to cancel the next meeting, which would be December 28, 2005. Pete Frisina seconded and there was no opposition.

DOT NOTICE ON HIGHWAY 74 SOUTH

Mr. Parrott reported that the DOT is going to four-lane Highway 74 South down past Cooper Lighting. We have been working with the DOT to retain our waterline in the right-of-way. We will be able to retain most of our facilities in this new project. There will be some that we will have to abandon and replace. We will have to sign an agreement that we understand the rules and regulations of the DOT. When we apply for a permit we already agree we will move the water line, if it is in the way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney McNally requested executive session for discussion of two legal items. Chairman Watkins made a motion to go into executive session, Mr. Parrott seconded and the

committee adjourned to executive session.

Mr. McNally briefed the committee on two legal items. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 11th day of January, 2006.

Lisa McElwaney