

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Chuck Watkins, Chairman  
Bill McNally  
Jim Mallett

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dennis Davenport  
David Jaeger  
Russell Ray

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton at 8:00 A.M.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2006.**

Tony Parrott made the motion and Pete Frisina seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 8, 2006. There was no opposition.

**II. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE.**

Mr. Parrott reported the subcommittee met last week and discussed the sanitary sewer. Jeff Kilgore with Environmental Health spoke with the group. He explained how they view the different systems. They look at long term maintenance of the systems as compared to just installation of the systems. Simply put, Mr. Kilgore did not have a problem with the system being put in, because they will meet the standards that are typical of the systems being used. His concern seemed to be making sure the maintenance is done on the systems over the years. The subcommittee will meet again next week. Waterline extension policy will be discussed at next week's meeting.

**III. CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICIES.**

Mr. Parrott explained that many things the Water System does in Customer Service are more of a tradition than a policy. Recently we had a problem with a load of clothes. In review, we felt we need a written policy. We have begun surveying some surrounding systems to see how they handle it, because this is not unique just to our system. It is a problem that comes up in any water system of any given size, where there is the opportunity for discolored water in a system at the same time that someone washes a load of clothes. There is also the problem we had years ago with the water quality with manganese in the water from Lake Peachtree that created a problem with discolored clothes. A written policy will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting. The survey information will include how they make the decision, and how they respond, there are several choices. For example, Henry County leaves the decision up to the Water Plant

Manager on what kind of action is made when the problem happens. One thing everybody seems to be doing the same is they are using the same product that we are, Red B Gone. Clayton County has been very pleased with how many times it has worked, and the problem has gone away.

Chris Venice asked if the complaints have generally been from loads of whites that have absorbed the discoloration, which is why the Red B Gone works on whites. She asked if you were washing a load of jeans, would you notice the water had discolored?

Mr. Parrott responded that the range of discoloration is significant. The water meter has a screen on it and the washing machine has a screen on it. You don't have big clumps of anything that would get into the wash. You are just dealing with color. A range of light pink to red is what ends up in the system. It could actually be black, rather than red, depending on the piping and the water quality. The range is very broad. The Water System does not flush fire hydrants in January. When he reviewed the list of customer service complaints in January, he found there were 6 dirty water calls. In February we started our flushing program back and there have been more than 6 calls already. System wide we will be flushing close to 1,000 hydrants this month. When you do this amount of flushing, no matter what time of day or night it is, there will be some calls. Next month, some of the fire departments in the County will begin their flushing. Peachtree City will also start theirs.

#### **IV. LAKE HORTON FENCING.**

David Jaeger presented a drawing for references of the properties around Lake Horton. The property formerly owned by the Ballard's and the McCalla's are the properties under discussion. The back side of the Ballard property had a fence that was installed by the County when the lake property was purchased and the dam was built. That fence has now been taken down and rolled up and is off to the side. We are not clear who actually did this. Since a home is being built, it is suspect that the owner or the builders have done it. Either knowing or not knowing that the fence belonged to the County and the access to the lake was prohibited off the back of these tracts. He stated the Water Committee needs to make a recommendation on how to proceed to get the fence reinstalled.

Dennis Davenport stated the Board of Commissioners discussed this at the last meeting. They want the fence back up. Ownership information has been obtained on the two parcels. Letters are going out immediately to let the people know that this is County property and we will reinstall the fence. The Board wants to try to recoup whatever additional charges the County has to pay as a result of the fence being torn down.

Mr. Jaeger stated the County now owns the former McCalla tract and the walking trail will be extended into this property. It will be just under 4,000 feet of new walking trail. In going out to investigate he and Mr. Parrott recognized that there seems to be routine access through this County property to the lake. There is an existing fence with some gates in it.

You can see there has been a lot of traffic back and forth. It appears when we set up the staking of the property lines to determine where the walking path will be, the fence is actually on the County property. Most likely, these people believe they own the fence.

Mr. Parrott commented that we need to have the park with just one entrance. At one of the gates, they are coming through with a truck and a trailer, actually putting the boat into the lake across the McCalla tract. We need to secure the site.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to fence both the Ballard tract, and the McCalla tract to secure all locations through the park, to require park access at a designated entrance. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

Mr. Jaeger asked for clarification on removing the existing fence. Mr. Parrott commented that he did not want to remove any existing buffer by clearing the old fence. He prefers to take out what fence can be taken out without destroying the buffer. Gated portions would be fenced through and replanted.

#### **LAKE MCINTOSH WITHDRAWAL PERMIT MODIFICATION.**

Mr. Parrott discussed some special conditions for the withdrawal permit that EPD wants us to address. There is nothing the Water System cannot handle in responding to questions they have about maintaining water quality downstream, testing the water and flow studies. Lake McIntosh is designed and approved for an annual average safe dependable yield of 10.4.

Attorney Davenport added that an audit will be conducted on March 1 and 2 by EPD. They will come down; look at the Counties records, specifically with an eye toward whether or not the County has passed adequate ordinances consistent with what is required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. They will look at various documentation, and after that two day process, they will give us a “thumbs up or thumbs down” as to whether or not we pass the audit. He went on to say that we are being told that passing the audit is the last step to get the permit.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

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Dr. George Patton

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 8th day of March, 2006.

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Lisa McElwaney