

WATER COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2006
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally

ABSENT:

Jim Mallett
Pete Frisina

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 MARCH 22, 2006.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Chris Venice seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 22, 2006. There was no opposition.

II. CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICIES.

The committee discussed causes of discolored water in customer homes. The Marshal's office will conduct investigations at the request of the Water System, take pictures and report back to the Director of the Water System. The procedure will be a two part procedure. The first part of the procedure is followed by staff for routine situations. In the type of situation where a customer wants to appeal a staff decision, the Water System director will review it, make a decision and inform the County Administrator, the Water Committee and Board of Commissioners of the customer's problem.

III. WEATHER SIREN.

Mr. Parrott reported that Pete Nelms had requested that a weather siren be installed at the South Fayette Water Plant. They would like to install it near the maintenance building, which is behind the water plant. Power is available at that location.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners installation of a weather siren at the South Fayette Water Treatment plant. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Parrott commented that each year the Capital Improvement Program is submitted with the budget. A project that needs to be on the CIP is the Highway 74 Pressure Improvements. This is being included in the FY 2007 budget at \$1,250,000.00 for a water tank and pipe associated with the project. Further discussion pertained to other sites that we plan to install water tanks, and the cost of inflation raising the cost. Mr. Jaeger agreed to check on current pricing and bring this information back to the committee.

V. ANTENNA INSTALLATION ON WATER TANKS.

Mr. Parrott explained that the Federal government conducts a vulnerability assessment every 3 years about security of water plants, tank sites and pump stations. Having an antenna on a water tank poses a potential security risk, since the company that owns the antenna needs access to our water tank. If the tank needs painting or maintenance performed, the antenna has to be moved. He recommended that we no longer consider putting antennas on our water tanks.

The committee discussed a tank site that is large enough to fence a separate location for the antenna could be considered. Tank sites that are not large enough for separate fencing should not, nor should we install any directly on the tank itself. This is revenue to the County, but the security risk is high.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners not to install antennas on water tank structures. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of May, 2006.

Lisa McElwaney