

WATER COMMITTEE
January 24, 2007
MINUTES

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Bill McNally
 David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT: 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 JANUARY 11, 2007.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION ON HOLDING POND AT CROSSTOWN WATER PLANT.

David Jaeger commented that there is no new information on the holding pond at this time. He is awaiting a response from Mr. Crosby after his meeting with the Airport Authority Board on January 11.

III. WATERLINE RELIABILITY.

Mr. Parrott reported that we had a 24" waterline that developed a leak under the CSX railroad behind the twin tanks in Peachtree City. This 24" waterline is the one that goes from Crosstown Water Plant up to the Crabapple water tank. This is the main line. There is a 600 horsepower pump at the other end so we can pump 6 million gallons a day through it. We had to take this line out of service, especially since it is under the railroad track. We had to scramble a little in order to keep water in the Crabapple tank. We had to pump water back through the Landings and Kedron Hills subdivisions, back up Walt Banks Road and the Parkway, and back around Tyrone Road to get water to the tank. We used Atlanta water to offset what we could not pump out.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that he had no idea that the problem of 120' of pipe could escalate into 10 days, which is what happened. He stated we are putting the line back in service today. We need to look at other scenarios and other waterline

choices to get additional water into that tank. We could have gotten by in July, but we would have had to tell people they could not water outside. They would have been unhappy. We are in good shape, except for some of the road crossings. It takes a couple of days to make repairs. A couple of weeks ago Dekalb County had a break that took 3 days to repair a 36" pipe. There is hardly any way to work on something this size without it taking a couple of days.

The committee discussed the cause of the break, which was a joint leaking in the pipe which is inside the casing under the railroad. This line has been in service since 1993 without any problems. Further discussion pertained to parts availability for pipe in a casing, storing pipe for several years, and different manufacturers have different pipe. Mr. Parrott explained that the mile of line that was out of service was chlorinated, and we ran a bacteria test and the line is being put back in service today. This way, we did not have to issue a boil water notice. He went on to say that we have material on hand to fix a broken pipe, we have a couple of joints of every size, we have repair clamps of every size, but if you have something that is inside a casing with this kind of pipe, this kind of retaining system, we are going to have 2 or 3 days worth of problems. There was an old 12" waterline on the old Parkway north of World Air that we are going to look at putting back into service to the distribution system, instead of it just serving a dead end cul-de-sac.

Further discussion pertained to the fact that more of the pipe in our system is becoming more uniform. However, we do have a lot of PVC pipe. The ductile iron pipe is holding up well. Mr. Parrott stated that in the upcoming budget year, he plans to take out the 8" water line from Antioch Road, down Brooks Woolsey Road all the way down to Brooks that parallels the loop line. It is Class 200 pipe. This will be tied into the loop line to serve those customers.

IV. PARKING AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Parrott reported that over the holiday weekend the parking overwhelmed the Lake Horton site. According to Chief Marshal Collins people were parked outside the gate, in the cul-de-sac, and down the street. A weekend traffic count by the sheriff's office August 18th through the 21st was 459 vehicles. The picnic pavilions pull a large crowd. Between this and the walking trails, fishing, fishermen and boats, we need to look at more parking. During the last fiscal year \$21,430.00 was collected for out of county parking fees. So far this fiscal year, we have collected \$9,836.00.

The committee discussed at length their concern with too many people in the area. Overcrowding will be worse if more parking is added. The original intention was for this to be a passive park. Pete Frisina agreed to look at the standards for parking regulations. We should determine how many people is a safe number for this area and how much parking is safe for the area. We could consider restricting access to the park for anyone that is not a Fayette County resident.

The committee agreed to study the situation and discuss it again at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 28th day of February, 2007.

Lisa Quick