

WATER COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Parrott
 Jack Krakeel
 Pete Frisina
 James K. “Chip” Conner

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: David Jaeger

The meeting was called to order by Water System Director Tony Parrott at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON AUGUST 22, 2007.

Pete Frisina made the motion and Chip Conner seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 12, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

Mr. Parrott mentioned that we have a USGS agreement (United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey) for both Shoal Creek and Line Creek. They have submitted the information for putting real time streamgages at Line Creek below 54 and on Shoal Creek at Georgia 54 near Peachtree City. This is the same type of gage that was just approved for Flint River. They will take care of our monitoring requirements. Not only do the Geological Survey take care of the gages, they are real time, and the information will be available on the internet. Mr. Parrott went on to say that they will maintain the gages. Another gage will need to be put in below the Lake McIntosh dam; it will be more than a flow gage and will be installed at a later date.

Mr. Jaeger reported that they are still working forward on the geotechnical work. The geotechnical crews, earlier this week, wrapped up the initial boring operation and dam footprint. There will be some more geotechnical work coming up later for a borrow source and possibly some supplemental on the dam. They also have surveyors on site staking the clearing limits for the timbering operation.

III. BID OPENING – TIMBERING CONTRACT FOR LAKE MCINTOSH.

Mr. Jaeger stated the bid opening for timbering of the merchantable timber out of the reservoir limits was held September 25, 2007. There were seven people who solicited bid packages and there were two bidders. In this case the bid is actually for the contractor to pay the county for the lumber. The high bid was \$102,000.00 from McIntyre Lumber Company. The second bid was \$68,000.00 from Scofield Timber Company. This will not be a complete clearing and grubbing of the reservoir, it is just to pull out the valuable timber. The clearing and grubbing will be left till the end of the project after the dam is substantially built. That cost and the contract will be included in the dam construction. He went on to say that he has not had a chance to check references on the contractor yet. The bid opening was yesterday afternoon, but he did summarize the bid. On the bid form,

there was a deductive alternate that was for one branch of the reservoir that is adjacent to (part of) Planterra Ridge Golf Course. They asked for a price for the value of the timber in that tributary in case they wanted to wait and clear it at the end also, and not create an aesthetic issue for the golf course. McIntyre did not offer a bid price for that deductive alternate and Scofield offered \$2,000.00, so there is not, apparently, much value to the timber in that area. He said that he could evaluate whether or not we want to clear that prior to issuing the notice to proceed on this contract.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he is waiting to hear from Tommy Craig's office about the release of the stream credits that will allow us to begin timbering. Yesterday, he sent an email to Laura Benz asking if she had more information on exactly when the stream credits would be available. We need to have a minimum number of 9,000 stream credits in order to initiate timbering. We are not there yet, but we anticipate those will be released this fall. The bid package included the requirement that the contractor hold his price for 120 days. He feels like we are covered as long as we fall within that fall period. Beyond that, we are ready to go as soon as we get the timbering contract as soon as the Board will award this.

Mr. Krakeel asked what time frame it would take to complete this project once the bid is awarded. Mr. Jaeger replied that it is set up as a one year contract. He thinks, physically, it can be done quicker than that, but what timber guys told him prior to the advertising period is that you don't want to flood the market with the timber all at once. You harvest it and distribute it at a pace that keeps the market price where it ought to be. It could have been done quicker, but we gave them a year to do it, that won't impact the rest of the project and we will achieve what we want.

Mr. Conner asked about the survey crews. Mr. Jaeger stated that probably in a two month period we should have completion. They will be well enough along that by the time we were to initiate the work, there would be plenty of area delineated that could be worked, the survey crew would just stay ahead of the timber crew if they were both working at the same time.

Mr. Krakeel stated that he contacted Laura Benz about the Scope of Work Statement for Lake McIntosh and they are waiting for Mr. Craig to return to the office. Included with that was going to be Hal Bryant's contract. Mr. Parrott stated that he would contact Mr. Bryant. He went on to say that we need to do a fencing contract for our property and go ahead and put the fence in and, even access roads to a couple of the sites. One site, a subdivision is being built next to it. We will have to relocate our easement, and in relocating the easement we need to go ahead and fence it so the new property owners know where we are and where they are.

Mr. Jaeger stated that the bid submitted by McIntyre Lumber had a bid bond in the form of a check. The contract states that is allowable and it should be a certified or cashiers check. It was a company check from McIntyre. They are not local; he was here yesterday and could not get a local bank to issue him a certified check because he did not have an account with them. He notified us prior to the bid opening, before we opened the bid, to

tell us this is a company check; he tried to get a certified check and was not able to do so. Mr. Jaeger told him that we would open the bid, read it out loud and then he would submit it to the county attorney for his review, and that we would get back to him on whatever that decision was. We do have the check, and it appears to be legitimate. The amount is for \$5,100.00. That check guarantees that he holds his bid and it would not be cashed unless he was to default. If he wants the job, and he is willing to stand behind his price, the check is going to go back to him, anyway, as soon as the contract is awarded. Mr. Jaeger stated that he does not know where that falls legally, but from a rational standpoint, it does not seem to be anything more than a technicality. He will be packaging it together to send it to Mr. Krakeel for review by the County attorney.

Pete Frisina made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the high bidder, McIntyre Lumber Company at \$102,000.00, pursuant to references being verified and review by the County attorney. Chip Conner seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION.

Mr. Parrott stated that he had made some changes for Lake Horton about the 100 foot buffer around the lake. Mr. Frisina had a few changes that needed to be made and the committee discussed these as well and they will be incorporated into the document and brought back to the committee. Once the changes are made, the document will go back to the Board of Commissioners for adoption. Further discussion pertained to changes for Lake McIntosh, and the committee agreed to make these changes in the future.

V. DISCUSSION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNITY SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

Mr. Parrott explained that the Board of Commissioners will need to make a request to the North Georgia Metropolitan Water and Planning District (The District) to add sewer capacity to the Fayette County section of their report. As it is now, City of Fayetteville, Town of Tyrone and Peachtree City have sewer, but they have no capacity designated for the County. During this process we will have to ask for this change to be made. It requires a letter from the Board of the Commissioners stating that we would like to be included for "X" amount of capacity for sewer for Fayette County. Before we go before the Board asking the Commissioners to adopt a policy and procedures for community septic, we will have to get capacity added to the District plan first, then get them to adopt policy and procedures for the community septic so that when we have them adopt these policies and procedures for community septic without getting capacity if somebody shows up, we can't get a permit.

Further discussion pertained to future regulations for sewer and septic tank permits, water quality, traditional systems, when the request for capacity should be done and how much should be requested.

Mr. Parrott stated that he would like to ask for 250,000 gallons community septic capacity. In looking at the growth of the Tyrone system, he used it as an example of growth over a

five year period. Mr. Parrott agreed to prepare the letter to be sent for the request for sewer capacity for Fayette County for community septic systems. Then the amendments will be done to the Fayette County regulations.

VI. CANCEL THE MEETING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2007.

Pete Frisina made a motion to cancel the meeting on October 10, 2007. Mr. Krakeel seconded and there was no opposition.

VII. WATER RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. Parrott reported that Cobb Marietta Water Authority went to a total water ban. We are 7 ½ feet low on both Lake Kedron and Lake Horton. We are pretty close to where we were last year at this time. The first day of spring, both reservoirs were full. As long as they are full the first day of spring we have no problems, no matter what the water restrictions are. The question is, will we get enough winter rains to fill the reservoirs. The committee discussed the need to institute additional restrictions.

The committee discussed at length their concern about the water restrictions, budgetary concerns if usage goes below an average of 8 mgd, being able to pump from the Flint River, instituting an incremental approach to more stringent restrictions tied to the levels of the reservoirs.

Mr. Jaegar stated that he could look at the volumes in the reservoirs at different elevations and then project, based on average water use, and some anticipated rain fall; where are we getting into critical situations and how much more restriction do we need on outdoor watering. It would be somewhat arbitrary, but better than nothing.

Mr. Parrott stated that he prefers not to shut all outside watering down. It creates budgetary issues and enforcement problems. We have had water restrictions since 1986 and our customers are accustomed to the odd/even system. Our biggest violators are entrance meters for subdivisions because there is nobody to maintain it, the clock gets out of whack and the next thing you know, it is watering the wrong day. Last week meter readers went out on Friday to see how many violations they could find. They did not find a dozen. Our public complies very well. Any changes to the water restrictions will need to go before the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further business, Water System Director Tony Parrott adjourned the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Tony Parrott

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 24th day of October, 2007.

Lisa Quick