

WATER COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2007
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
Chris Clark, Vice Chairman
Tony Parrott
Jack Krakeel
James K “Chip” Conner

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUEST:

John Munford, Fayette Citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28, 2007.

Tony Parrott made the motion and Chip Conner seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 28, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

Mr. Jaeger reported that the survey crew has completed the staking of the 780 contour which is normal pool level, around the perimeter of the lake. We are still waiting for the release of the stream channel credits from the mitigation bank. He has been informed that it is in the hands of the office of the Corp, Alan Miller. We have until January 23 to get the release and still be within the time required of the timber contractor to honor his bid price. He is very eager to get working. He calls every week for an update. As soon as we get something from the Corp, we will get him out there as quickly as possible. The archaeological recovery phase plan has been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer. They are currently working on the design of the spillway.

Mr. Parrott stated that he met with the USGS and Peachtree City at the Southern Conservation Trust property, Line Creek Preserve; the property was donated by Pathways and there are deed restrictions. Between Peachtree City, Pathways, and USGS; we are working on what will be necessary for that. It will include a survey for a five by five building that is for their equipment. They hand dig, from about seventy five feet off the stream, from the building to the stream to put in their monitoring cable that goes into the water. They have to put a zip line over the creek. They have a boat type monitor, that during high flow, they pull across to do their soundings with. We have to get an easement from a property owner on the Coweta County side. We will have to have a survey on it. Both surveys will be done by Mallett Consulting at the same time. He is the only property owner on that side

of the creek within that 2,500 foot reach. We are trying to move along as quickly as possible. He still needs the details from Peachtree City on exactly what they need for their survey. He is waiting on a response.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he contacted that property owner previously regarding survey access for the timber staking. There may be a little bit of ease in dealing with him on this. The timber contractor will access the site through County property at the dam site or potentially negotiate his own access with private owners.

III. DISCUSSION OF LEVEL FOUR DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. Parrott referred to the water production report for November and December. In November, for the 10% governors' reduction, we needed 6.3 and we had 6.3. We are doing better for the first nine days of December. We are at 6.263 and he thinks part of that is due to the City of Fayetteville operating their plant a few days because it rained. They were able to pump out of Whitewater Creek.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that The Board approved the Water System contacting irrigation meter customers about discontinuing their service. We are calling the customers. So far, out of 30 or 35 contacts, there has only been one that had an exemption that they needed the water to remain on. These 271 services that were on used 1.8 million gallons of water last month. There was a certain amount of water used through those irrigation meters. We ought to pick that up as a bonus this coming month. Those customers we can't get on the phone will be sent a letter. It will take a couple of weeks to get through the list. Since some of them are entitled to have water service, we are not just turning them off.

Vice Chairman Clark asked about the fine structure. Mr. Parrott stated that the Board approved the fine structure. A copy of the ordinance is included in the committee information. It is set up so that the Marshal's office, Sherriff's office, and Code Enforcement can take care of it. We have not had near the calls about people watering. The Marshal's office, in their patrols within the last week or ten days have not found anybody watering that was not supposed to. We have only had one or two calls in the last two weeks. One of them was a lady that has a well. The compliance rate, because of the publicity and everything else going on, has been phenomenal.

Vice Chairman Clark asked if we will continue to leave the Burn Ban in place. Mr. Krakeel replied yes, for the time being. In talking with the folks in Fire and Emergency Services, given the fact that we have had little rain, there is not a need to create a situation or scenario that would have a negative impact on our water supply for having to take care of brush fires. It is dry and we lifted the burning ban in October, and it was not reinstituted until late November. This gave people about a month and a half to do some burning. Most people that had anything, probably got rid of the majority of it, and those that haven't can take it to the landfill.

Vice Chairman Clark commented that over Thanksgiving, he noticed a lot of people had bonfires. He asked if they are illegal. Mr. Krakeel replied that bonfires are illegal to the extent that, unless you are using them for the preparation of food, you cannot use them. This is one exemption to outdoor burning. Tradesmen can have a warming fire in a barrel. There is also an outdoor fire for the preparation of food, such as grills and those kinds of things. Just having a bonfire is not a permitted activity.

Mr. Parrott explained that the Metropolitan North Georgia Planning District has sponsored water saver kits. He showed the committee the type they are proposing. He recommended purchasing 500 to have available for people that have houses built prior to 1994, if they want to come by the Water System office to pick it up. We could stuff a letter in the water bills for the customer's information. Mr. Parrott stated the cost is about \$7.00 a piece, which would be \$3,500.00. This is a discounted rate and we could probably purchase more in the future. If the customer comes in to get one, that would show more interest from them on using it. We need them to use them.

Further discussion pertained to where they would be available for pickup. Somewhere in Peachtree City was suggested. Mr. Conner volunteered to speak with City Hall about placing some there. Mr. Krakeel recommended that given the cost at \$3,500.00, we provide them free as an incentive to try to get people to come in and pick one up. The toilet rebate issue will be discussed at the Board meeting tomorrow night.

Vice Chairman Clark made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners purchase of 500 water saver kits to be provided free to Water System customers in homes built prior to 1994. Mr. Krakeel seconded and there was no opposition.

Vice Chairman Clark mentioned that the fine letters from the State will go out next Friday. Those systems providing water to other systems will be able to get special circumstance waivers if they don't meet the goal. It looks like Fayette County is ok. Mr. Parrott commented that he understands that about 75% of the systems have met the 10% reduction goal.

IV. DISCUSSION ABOUT BOAT RAMP AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Parrott stated that the Water Committee discussed this item at the previous meeting. We had a request about extending the boat ramp down further. The Water Committee did not make a recommendation. The gentleman showed up at the Board of Commissioners meeting and made the same request to the Board. The Board wants something back from the Water Committee. He was concerned because the concrete just ends, and he wants, if nothing else, to extend the ramp and the drop off with rip rap, so it will go past what was already concreted. Since we were not willing to concrete it further, he at least wants it rocked further.

Mr. Krakeel commented that he thinks the issue is not so much that it needs to be rocked further, but that there is a substantial drop off at the end of the ramp to the lake bed. The thought was, do we need to put some rip rap in there just to gradually transition it, rather than have an abrupt drop off that would at least facilitate when the water does come back up to the ramp, somebody backing a boat in doesn't have the trailer drop off the end of the ramp.

Vice Chairman Clark asked, at some point, are we going to restrict use of that lake, because it gets too low? Mr. Parrott said we have it closed off now. The Water System could haul a load of rock in there. He does not want, just because we have extended a surface that you can run a boat on, and then they continue to put boats in there after we have closed the lake. The committee further discussed this as a safety issue. Mr. Krakeel recommended from a safety perspective doing a two or three foot taper from the edge of the ramp using some surge rock to eliminate that drop off. Mr. Parrott stated that would be no problem.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to not extend the boat ramp at Lake Horton. Mr. Conner seconded and there was no opposition. Further discussion pertained to the Water System doing the regular maintenance at the boat ramp.

V. CANCEL DECEMBER 26, 2007 MEETING.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on December 26, 2007. Vice Chairman Clark seconded and there was no opposition.

RISK MANAGEMENT LETTER

Mr. Parrott explained that the risk management program has to do with the chlorine at the Crosstown water plant. We have an audit every three years. The State inspector comes down and goes through everything. He came down, went through everything and said that Russell Ray had one of the best programs in the State. It is well documented. Everything went good. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division Risk Management program letter was included in the committee packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Parrott made a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of one item of property acquisition. Vice Chairman Clark seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

Vice Chairman Clark made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for the County to move forward on this item and to approve the environmental and engineering study on this item. Mr. Krakeel seconded and there was no opposition.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 9th day of January, 2008.

Lisa Quick