

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2010

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Members present included Chairman Randall Pugh, Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Board Member Shade Storey, Board Member Andy Goodman and Board Member Dr. Neelagaru. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, Water Manager Stacy Jenkins, Finance Director Judy Davis and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News and Consulting Engineers Rob McPherson and Richard Check.

Chairman Pugh recognized the Certificate of Achievement plaque JCWSA received from the Government Financial Officers Association, for excellence in financial reporting for 2008. He congratulated Finance Director Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Ehrhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 board meeting and the January 7, 2010 work session as presented.

Member Storey seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection with all board members present voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Time Extension of Emergency Mutual Aid to Hoschton

Chairman Pugh said this topic was discussed thoroughly at the work session. The consensus from the work session was that we would like to have more time to assess where we are with the operation of the plant. This will give JCWSA a better idea on the cost and time it takes to operate the facility.

Member Neelagaru made a motion to approve extending the Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement to Hoschton until March 15th.

The motion was seconded by Member Storey. The motion carried with no objection with all board members present voting.

Draft Operation Agreement for Hoschton

Chairman Pugh said this agreement would cover the operation of Hoschton's water and sewer system by the Authority for a twelve month period.

Manager Klerk said the agreement had not changed at all from the work session. He said he would get the exact dollar amount to the board at the February meeting. Manager Klerk stated that he and Attorney Smart updated an original agreement that we already had with Hoschton dating back to 2001. He stated this agreement is more contemporary and specific.

Chairman Pugh said this agenda item would be tabled until the March meeting and encouraged everyone to review the agreement.

Final Phase Two Reservoir Report, Prime Engineering

Consulting Engineer McPherson presented a final report on the phase two findings of the Water Resource Master Plan (enclosure). He recommended that we notify the Upper Oconee Planning Council and let them know what our intentions are so that it can be added to the master plan. Manager Klerk said we could draft a letter to Hunter Bicknell for him to present to the Upper Oconee Planning Council.

Chairman Pugh reported he sits on the State Chamber of Commerce Board. He said at their last board meeting, they heard a report from the co-chairman of the governor's task force on state-wide water. Chairman Pugh said water will be at the top of the list of issues for some time to come and tiered water rates will probably become mandatory.

Member Goodman made a motion to table the Phase Two Reservoir project indefinitely.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ehrhardt. The motion carried with no objection with all board members present voting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The diesel pump installation at the Galilee Pump Station has been completed well under the \$85,000.00 approved by the board. The final cost at factory start-up was \$62,832.96, a difference of over \$22,000.00. An Additional \$2,000.00 savings for this project was realized as well because \$2,000.00 in surplus pumps and equipment was sold by Stacy on GovDeals. The resultant final cost has come in at **\$60,832.96**.

On March 1, 2010 the field work for the Authority 2009 financial audit is scheduled to begin so Judy and her staff are busy trying to close out the year in preparation.

This past November the Authority did participate in Jackson County Career Day at Gordon Street School. We talked to dozens of students encouraging them explore all the opportunities available to them within the field and gave out hundreds of flyers that list the various academic studies necessary for a successful water and sewer utility. (enclosures)

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Karen Johnson
Board Secretary