

**Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018**

Chairman Dylan Wilbanks called the October 11, 2018 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present included Chairman Dylan Wilbanks, Vice Chairman Pat Bell, Board Member Jim Smith, Board Member Christopher Nichols and Board Member Don Clerici.

Also present: Attorney Paul Smart and Authority Staff: Eric Klerk, Joey Leslie, Mike Johnson, Mark Dudziak, Judy Smith, Harold Garrison, Karen Johnson, Ronna Berrong, Nathan Hester, Miles Glenn and Tim Gaunt.

Visitors included Cindy Edge, Mainstreet Newspapers, Josh Patton and Michael Waldbillig, Jackson County School System

Approval of Minutes

Member Smith made a motion to approve the September 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Finance Report

Finance Director Smith presented the financial operating reports.

New Business

Preliminary Application for West Jackson High School

Manager Klerk said we received a new preliminary water/wastewater application from Jackson County School Board to replace their original application from last month.

Manager Klerk stated engineering has reviewed their numbers and verified student population, so we are accepting the data submitted in the new application.

Manager Klerk said we are proposing to reduce the connection fees by \$50,000 in exchange for acquiring an acre of land owned by Jackson County School System. The donated property would offset the \$255,000 water and sewer connection fees making the total connections fees \$205,000.

Josh Patton said this proposal would need to go before the school board.

Attorney Paul Smart said the Board should accept the withdrawal of the previous application that was submitted at the September meeting.

Member Clerici recused himself on this vote.

Member Nichols made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the Jackson County School's application submitted at the September board meeting.

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

Presentation of the Proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget

Manager Klerk stated this proposed 2019 operating budget contains a rate increase of 3%. He pointed out that \$680,000 in the operating budget is to cover Georgia Department of Transportation relocation projects. He also stated that we propose to pay the same amount (65%) of the Bear Creek debt requirement in 2019 as currently being paid by the Authority.

Finance Director Smith presented the proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. (attached).

Chairman Wilbanks asked if any board members had questions.

Board Member Nichols asked how long we would be keeping the dump truck that is in the capital budget. Water Manager Garrison said the truck has low mileage, so we would be utilizing it for a long time.

Member Smith made a motion to accept the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Vice Chairman Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

Manager Report

- E-Statements Update – e-statements to our customers are up and running.
- Credit Card Auto Draft Update – the credit card auto draft has been implemented.
- The wastewater treatment plant is officially under construction. We are still waiting on EPD for possible interim permitting of the plant to 0.8 MGD prior to the 1.25 MGD slated at plant build-out.
- The water tower contractor is focusing on the foundation for the 124 site and cutting down the Arcade tank.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Karen Johnson,