

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

Chairman Dylan Wilbanks called the January 10, 2019 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Visitors included Cindy Edge, Mainstreet Newspapers John Sweitzer and Trent Lard, Sweitzer Engineering.

Approval of Minutes

Member Smith made a motion to approve the November 8, 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

Review Bids and Recommendations of Award for SPLOST 6, Highway 334 Water Main Extension Project

Manager Klerk stated the engineering for this project was done in-house.

Engineer Leslie stated the project went out for bid. He said there were fourteen plan holders and seven contractors submitted bids.

Engineer Leslie said The Dickerson Group, Inc. was the low bidder at \$2,395,156.20. He said he has spoken with them to make sure they are comfortable with their bid. Engineer Leslie stated with the contingency and inspection the total project budget cost is \$2,743,671.82.

Engineer Leslie said we have previously completed two projects with The Dickerson group. He said their contacts and references came back positive.

Engineer Leslie said staff recommendation is to award the contract to The Dickerson Group.

Engineer Leslie stated the SPLOST referendum for the project is \$3,604,000 so the project is under budget by \$869,328.82. He stated we need to keep some money in the budget in case we hit rock during the project but would like the board to consider two additional projects that we are going to present to the SPLOST Committee.

Potential Additions: Sandy Creek Road Extension, \$149,700 and Sanford Road, \$319,700.

Engineer Leslie said residents on Sandy Creek Road have petitioned for water service. Engineer Hester said there have been wells that have failed. Manager Klerk stated there are water quality issues. He said on Sanford Road there have been two vocal residents requesting water service.

Vice Chairman Bell made a motion to award the Highway 334, SPLOST 6 project contract to The Dickerson Group and authorize the Authority Manager to execute the Notice of Award and other contract documents as necessary to perform the project.

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

Middle Oconee Waste Water Plant Update

Manager Klerk said we are making progress on the MOWWTP.

Storage Building: foundation complete, steel building being erected.

Lime Slurry: foundation and walls complete, back fill delayed due to rain.

Clarifier: upper level excavation complete, rock blasting scheduled for late January.

Effluent Filters: pad complete, relocate water line.

Manager Klerk stated EPD has approved the phased schedule for flow increases to 0.8 and 1.25 MGD. He stated Trent did an anti-degradation analysis for the EPD. He stated we are in the public comment period now, then a public hearing.

Trent said there are three more reports that need to be submitted to the EPD before approval.

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Attorney Smart explained the by-laws require an election every January for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

The following nominations were made.

Member Nichols made a motion to elect Dylan Wilbanks Chairman.

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

Member Nichols made a motion to elect Pat Bell Vice Chairman.

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

Member Nichols made a motion to elect Judy Smith Treasure.

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

Member Nichols made a motion to elect Karen Johnson Secretary.

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

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM

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

Member Nichols made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:35 PM

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

Manager Report

- Highway 124 Water Tower relocation is progressing.
- Jackson County School Board has executed their part of the Preliminary Engineering Application for the water tower land donation.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary