

JACKSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

WORK SESSION

April 2, 2009

Chairman Pugh called the work session to order at 5:37 P.M. Members present included Chairman Randall Pugh, Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Board Member Andy Goodman and Board Member Shade Storey. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Chief Engineer Fred Alke, Water Manager Stacy Jenkins, Finance Director Judy Davis, Board Secretary Karen Johnson, and Engineer Rob McPherson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News, Duane Schlereth and Lori Sayer with Bates, Carter and Company.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

Chairman Pugh said if there were no objections, that item #3 on the agenda would be moved to #1.

There were no objections.

2008 Audited Financials

Duane Schlereth thanked Manager Klerk, Finance Director Davis and staff for their help with the audit. Mr. Schlereth gave a brief summary of the 2008 audit. Chairman Pugh asked for the right to contact Bates, Carter if there would be questions after reviewing the information. He also asked Mr. Schlereth if he was comfortable with our accounting procedures and Mr. Schlereth responded yes. Mr. Schlereth and Ms. Sayer were thanked and proceeded to leave.

No action was taken.

Policy for Petitioning Public Water

Chairman Pugh said the next agenda item was briefly discussed at the last meeting and asked Manager Klerk to present. Manager Klerk explained that a previous project that had been petitioned with water had twelve lots. All twelve properties signed the petition indicating they would hook up to JCWSA water service. Only two properties ended up purchasing a meter connection. Manager Klerk said that Engineer Alke drafted a preliminary proposal to establish a policy for petitioning for public water. Engineer Alke summarized the policy. Manager Klerk said this is just a draft and wanted input from the board. Member Goodman asked if signing the petition was legally binding. Attorney Smart said he drafted the petition so that anyone signing the petition would have to sign a contract. Chairman Pugh asked how much money would be spent on engineering and design prior to commitment from petitioners. Engineer Alke said he would be able to do an initial estimate that would just cost his time.

Member Goodman asked if a deposit was put down and the project does not proceed, would that person be refunded their deposit. The response was yes. Attorney Smart said language could be added for a timeframe for the petition to be submitted to the board. Vice Chairman Ehrhardt asked if we had checked other counties regarding their % of petitions. The response was no. Member Storey asked if there have been problems with renters signing the petition and Engineer Alke said yes. Chairman Pugh asked if this problem would reduce as we come out of the drought. Manager Klerk said that this has always been an on-going problem with the drought exacerbating it. Manager Klerk asked if the board wanted to change the 51%. Chairman Pugh thought it should probably be scaled to the density of the properties. Engineer Alke said he would check with other counties to see their methodology. Engineer Alke said he could do a cost benefit analysis

Member action was taken.

MOWWTP Landscaping

Manager Klerk said we are taking bids for the landscaping on the waste water treatment plant. He and Chairman Pugh felt it would behoove us to do some landscaping at the facility since the plant is close to the road and there are houses around it. Manager Klerk asked for approval of up to \$7,500. He has received one bid so far. Details will be available at the next meeting.

No action was taken.

Staff Sharing Agreement with B.O.C.

Manager Klerk explained that Jackson County BOC requested Engineer Alke's services assisting them with their plan approvals. There will be no financial reimbursement. The service would be temporary, probably one day a week. Manager Klerk asked for an intergovernmental agreement. The county attorney, Julius Hulsey is working on that and should have it ready for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

Managers Report

Manager Klerk reported that he attended the Oconee Water Basin meeting on 4-2-09. He reported that they will petition the EPD for a Level 4B. This would allow for irrigating and sprinkler use two days a week and include car washing and pressure washing. There is a called meeting planned for the week of April 5th. Manager Klerk said the EPD would have about a five day turnaround time.

Chairman Pugh adjourned the meeting at 6:25PM.

Karen Johnson
Board Secretary