

JACKSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2009

Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present included Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Board Member Shade Storey, and Board Member Andy Goodman. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, Chief Engineer Fred Alke, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, Finance Director Judy Davis, Board Secretary Karen Johnson and Engineer Rob McPherson. Visitors included Mike Safari of Pendergrass Developers, LLC and Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Storey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 board meeting as presented.

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

Member Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2009 work session as presented.

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

VISITORS

Mr. Mike Safari was recognized by the board. Mr. Safari presented his case regarding reimbursement of sewer tap fees. He asked that the fees be reimbursed due to the development being put on hold. He said it could be ten years before the neighborhood was developed.

Member Goodman asked Mr. Safari exactly how much money was involved. Mr. Safari said \$500,000. He also asked Mr. Safari if in his opinion, there was any area that the water authority has not met their contractual obligations. Mr. Safari said he really was not involved he just provided the money. Member Goodman said what you are saying is, that there is no fault just a matter of the poor economy. Mr. Safari said yes. Member Storey asked if Pendergrass Developers still retained ownership of the property. Mr. Safari said yes. He said the bank that was involved was taken over by the FDIC.

Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt said we would take the matter under consideration and get back to him.

Mr. Safari thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

Mrs. Erma Denney could not make the meeting and requested to be put on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

2006B Construction Fund

Manager Klerk said it was discussed in the work session to use the savings from the 2006B Construction Fund to pay on the 2006B bond. He asked for board approval.

Finance Director Davis said that payment would help offset the 1.152 million dollar payment due on September 1st.

Member Goodman made a motion to approve the use of the 2006B Construction Fund for the September bond payment

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

Septage Receiving Policy

Attorney Smart said we did not need a resolution for the Septage Receiving Policy. The board can vote on it to adopt the policy.

Member Goodman asked how soon we could get started accepting delivery of the septage. Manager Klerk said we would have the three part Septage Manifest form back from the printer next week. We will be able to start accepting septage as soon as we receive the forms from the printer.

Manager Klerk said the plant is flowing 78,000 a day on average and we will watch the plant carefully. We may only be able to accept one load per week as opposed to several per week. This is due to the biology of the plant and what it can assimilate..

Member Storey made a motion to approve the Septage Receiving Policy.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Update: Middle Oconee Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The clarifier (settling basin) mechanical upgrade repair project is scheduled to commence on August 24th with a projected completion date of September 11th.

Shortly thereafter, we are planning an open house at the plant to give the decision makers a chance to look at all the facility improvements that have been made without having to add to the Authority's debt. The hours of the event will be from 3:00pm to 6:00pm and there will be a large tent set up with catered food from Stonewalls BBQ. We will be sending out invitations hopefully by August 28th to allow for a three week response time.

Update: Water System.

The large diesel pump approved for purchase and installation by the board last month is scheduled for deliver sometime next week. We estimate installation to take about (30) days due to concrete pours and concrete curing times.

Update: Office.

Out of a total of 5 ladies in the office, 2 are presently certified as a governmental finance officer through the Carl Vinson Institute. The remaining three ladies are presently working towards their Level 1 certification with a goal for completion to be next summer.

The online payments that have been available to our customers for about (6) months through the JCWSA website continues to slowly gain in activity... for the month of July there were about 800 payments totaling about \$53,000.00 made in this fashion. Currently the Authority is not charging a fee for this convenience.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Rob McPherson reported the work on the reservoir is continuing and should be complete by the end of September. Member Goodman asked when we would be able to make this public. Mr. McPherson stated he needed to meet with Manager Klerk to make a decision on how to disseminate the information. Mr. McPherson said typically he would make a presentation to JCWSA then a presentation to Jackson County. He felt that this information could be ready for presentation at the October board meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Karen Johnson
Board Secretary