

JACKSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2010

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Chief Engineer Fred Alke, 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, Merritt Melancon with The Athens Banner Herald, Katie Dunn with The Paper, Mayor Erma Denney, City of Hoschton, Cindy George, Hoschton City Clerk, Scott Butler, Hoschton City Councilman, Hunter Bicknell, Jackson County BOC and Consulting Engineer Rob McPherson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Dr. Neelagaru made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 regular meeting and the March 4, 2010 work session minutes as presented.

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

VISITORS

Chairman Pugh introduced and welcomed Hunter Bicknell, Mayor Denney, Cindy George and Scott Butler.

Mr. Bicknell acknowledged and recognized the authority for its accomplishments in particularly Authorities commitment to working with the municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

Execution of Hoschton Operations Agreement

Chairman Pugh stated we have a final Hoschton Operations Agreement. He said the agreement has been discussed thoroughly in previous Authority works sessions and asked Mayor Denney if she had any comments about the agreement. Mayor Denney said everything about the agreement is satisfactory. She complimented and thanked the Authority for everything we have done to assist the City of Hoschton. Chairman Pugh said having the extra couple of months helped to determine the needs and gave our board a greater level of comfort. He stated our costs are covered but there is nothing extra in the agreement.

Chairman Pugh said we would like to make the agreement effective April 1st if possible and our attorney advised us we could take action tonight and make it contingent upon Hoschton's approval at their next council meeting. Mayor Denney said they would be comfortable with that. Chairman Pugh noted that we are prepared to do this agreement for one year and would come back and evaluate the agreement toward the end of this year. He stated it is not the Authorities normal primary business to provide this type of service and would hope that in some point in time Hoschton would be able to take the responsibility back over.

Board Member Neelagaru made a motion to approve the execution of Hoschton Operations Agreement and to authorize Chairman Pugh and Secretary Johnson to sign the agreement.

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

Resolution for Collection of Sewer Maintenance Fees

Chairman Pugh said the collection of sewer maintenance fees was discussed thoroughly at last week's work session. This fee would help cover the cost of maintaining the facilities in the sub divisions on empty lots once those lots stayed empty for three or more years. Chairman Pugh stated Attorney Smart has developed a resolution and advised us to pass this resolution making it public that we are collecting these fees.

Member Goodman made a motion to approve the resolution for Collection of Sewer Maintenance Fees.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pugh said there was a need for an Executive Session regarding potential litigation and a personnel matter.

Vice Chairman Ehrhardt made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:14 pm. Member Storey seconded the motion.

Member Storey made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 pm. Vice Chairman Ehrhardt seconded the motion.

No action was taken on the litigation matter.

Member Storey made a motion to approve the employment contract for Manager Klerk. Member Goodman seconded the motion

The motion carried with no objection with all board members present voting

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Klerk said he is in the process of preparing a large managers report and will present this at next month's board meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Karen Johnson
Board Secretary