

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2020

Chairman Wilbanks called the July 9, 2020 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present include: Chairman Dylan Wilbanks, Vice Chairman Nichols, and Board Member Wade Johnson.

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

Visitors: Cindy Edge, Mainstreet Newspapers, Dave Ehrhardt, Jim Southard, Bill Hightower.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to approve the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Financials

Finance Director Smith presented the operating reports.

Visitor

- David Ehrhardt, Highway 124 Water Tower Logo

Mr. Ehrhardt addressed the board regarding changes and new developments to the Traditions of Braselton Golf Club.

Joe Southard stated he is a resident of Traditions and said the company that owned the golf club let it deteriorate. He said about a year ago that company sold the club to another group that decided to shut the club down. Mr. Southard stated he and others acquired the golf club and are looking to boost membership. He said one way to market the club would be to put the club logo on our second water tower that is located in Traditions.

Chairman Wilbanks stated the board would like to research what other Water Authority policies are doing and requested some time to do this.

Visitor

- Bill Hightower

Mr. Hightower addressed the board regarding our new lift station policy. He explained he has a client that is under contract for a property and asked if there was any way to get a variance and have a lift station for the development. He asked if his client put up a cash bond, would they be able to get a lift station. He said he has worked with Engineer Hester and figured out a route that would work.

Chairman Wilbanks asked Mr. Hightower to work with staff for a concrete proposal in order for a variance to even be considered. He said to bring a firm proposal to staff to be reviewed and then it could be brought before the board at the next board meeting. He explained we have to be sensitive to our rate payers as well.

Manager Klerk told Mr. Hightower he needs to set a direction about which way he wants to go and submit a preliminary application to the Engineering Department. He said we will then bring that to the board for consideration. He also briefly explained how we handle Developer maintenance bonds.

New Business

Increasing Capitalization threshold

Finance Director Smith defined what our capital assets are and explained she is asking for a clearer policy that makes more sense.

She stated after doing some research comparing neighboring governments, she is recommending the threshold be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 with a useful life of five years.

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to increase the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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

Executive Session

Member Johnson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:26 pm.

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

Member Johnson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

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

Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the amended JCWSA Organizational Chart.

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

Managers' Report

- Middle Oconee Wastewater Plant Update: Plant project is nearing completion. August 6 is the substantial completion date.
- 124 Second Tank Water Tower Project and Painting Update: The logo is scheduled to be painted next week but Engineer Leslie has told them to hold off for the time being.
- SPLOST Update: The East Jackson Project (Hwy 334) is almost complete, in house engineering underway in design phase for remaining SPLOST waterline projects.
- Pleasant Acres is under construction. Total dollar amount spent from SPLOST Funds so far is a little over four million dollars.

Engineer Leslie presented several possible ideas for logos for the Highway 124 water tower.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary