

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021

Chairman Wilbanks called the February 11, 2021 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present include: Chairman Dylan Wilbanks, Vice Chairman Chris Nichols, Board Member Pat Bell and Board Member Don Clerici..

Also present: Attorney Paul Smart and Authority Staff: Eric Klerk, Judy Smith, Joey Leslie, Mark Dudziak, Harold Garrison, Karen Johnson, Ronna Berrong, Hope Weeks, Miles Glenn, Amy Bales, Lisa Grainger and Wesley Colley.

Approval of Minutes

Member Clerici made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Chairman Wilbanks stated the Authority was issued a Certificate of Achievement in Excellence for Financial Reporting for 2019. He said this is the thirteenth year in a row to receive this achievement.

Operating and Financial Reports

Finance Director Smith presented the monthly operations reports and the fourth quarter financial reports. All reports attached.

New Business

Manager Klerk introduced new employee Ben Massey.

Visitor – Allied Paving was removed from the agenda.

Traditions 1 Lift Station

Manager Klerk said last month we had an emergency pump repair for Traditions. He said we will continue to use this pump station for a number of years and due to the long lead time for repairing the pumps, it would be a good idea to have a backup one available. This is a sole-source scenario. Manager Klerk said the repair on the last pump took about three weeks because the pump is obsolete.

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Manager Klerk said we have received a quote from Yeomans Pumps (Grunfos) in the amount of \$86,424 for a new pump. He is asking the Board to consider the purchase of a new pump for back up.

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new pump for Traditions 1 in the amount not to exceed \$87,000.

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

Asset Disposal

Manager Klerk informed the Board the 2004 Crown Vic was sold through the GovDeals service. The high bid was \$2,200.00.

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to ratify the sale of the 2004 Crown Vic through GovDeals in the amount of \$2,200.00.

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

Madison County Water Connection (Cooper Farm Road)

Manager Klerk said we have a proposal from Gaskins Surveying and Engineering for the survey work on Cooper Farm Road. He said the Madison County Agreement will be executed this May or June.

AM/Engineer Leslie said we will not install any pipe in the ground until we have an executed agreement. He said the attorney for Madison County and our attorney have approved the agreement. AM/Engineer Leslie said there is a minimum purchase requirement in the agreement and that is why Madison County wants to hold off signing the agreement. He said we would not start charging Madison County until we had a physical connection.

Manager Klerk said Gaskins is on our preapproved on- demand engineer list.

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to approve the agreement for surveying services with Gaskins Surveying and Engineering in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

Executive Session

Member Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

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

Member Bell made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 pm.

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

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to extend the Authority Managers contract one year and contribute \$10,000 to his 401 Senior Management Plan.

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

Managers' Report

Water:

- Pleasant Acres is 83% complete. The project is going well.
- The bid opening for the West Jackson SPLOST project is March 2 for the construction of water mains.
- The Water Resources Study is in progress. This is the study that involves the possible well sites. The Geotech people have been developing and compiling maps with a variety of data.
- The Bear Creek Dam water line design is 60% complete. Authority engineering staff will review it before it goes to Jacobs Engineering and Safe Dams.

Sewer:

- The MOWTP is exceeding treatment expectations. The average daily flow for January is 519,000 gpd.
- Doster Creek – we are waiting on the NRCS office in Athens. Back in 2004-2005 the project was rejected; the property owners wrote letters against it. However, we now have support of the property owners.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary