

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Called Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021

Chairman Wilbanks called the April 15, 2021 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Called Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Also present: Attorney Paul Smart and Authority Staff: Eric Klerk, Judy Smith, Joey Leslie, Mark Dudziak, Harold Garrison, Ronna Berrong, Hope Weeks, Miles Glenn, Amy Bales, Austin Marable and John Evans.

Approval of Minutes

Member Clerici made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Visitors

Evelyn Illescas – Ms. Illescas explained her position regarding the leak she had, stating she feels it is the Water Authority's responsibility and we should waive the remainder of the balance.

Manager Klerk confirmed that a claim has been filed with the leak insurance company and has been approved. Finance Director Smith said the remainder of the bill is approximately \$3,600. She said payment arrangements can be set up.

Chairman Wilbanks explained that we have policies that try to accommodate our customers, but we typically do not reduce these bills in the absence of extraordinary evidence.

Chairman Wilbanks said "in the absence of a motion to make an accommodation, we will not be able to help you at this time."

Chairman Wilbanks asked if the board wanted to make motion. No motion was made. He said the Board is not inclined to take any action at this time and this issue appears to be closed.

Ms. Illescas asked if she should come back next month. Chairman Wilbanks said she could talk to staff about getting on the agenda but stated this issue appears to be closed, and he was sorry we could not help her.

Glen Wellborn – Mr. Wellborn addressed the Board and explained his situation. He asked the Board if an exception could be made, and the theft of service fee waived.

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Manager Klerk said it is more than theft. He said it is a federal violation to tamper with a public water system because of possible contamination.

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie pointed out that there was not a meter at this location.

Chairman Wilbanks asked if the board wanted to make motion. No motion was made.

No action was taken.

New Business

West Jackson Commons Water and Wastewater Preliminary Application

Due to not having enough board members eligible to vote, this agenda item will be tabled until the May meeting.

Emergency Service Radio Towers

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie said we had a request from Jackson County Emergency Management to install radio towers on our water tower sites. They are doing an upgrade to their Emergency Management System and do not have land to accommodate the upgrade. He said staff met with them and said it would be okay to put the antennas on two of our water towers. He said the Traditions site would require us to relocate our driveway.

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie said we will have a list of requirements; no radio interference with our equipment, provide JCWSA a set of radios, JCWSA possibly move our meter reading equipment to the top of the tower.

The Board is receptive to this proposal. The details need to be worked out so this agenda item will be tabled until the May meeting.

Water Modeling and Master Plan Update

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie said Freese and Nichols has completed updating the 2015 water model. They are now working on our master plan.

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie presented the updated model. He said we don't have any locations below 20 psi which is a state requirement. He said there are a few areas of concern we need to address.

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie said the report also looks at our water age. He said it shows how effective our flushing program is.

Engineer/Assistant Manager Leslie said the report includes two demand forecasts. Upper Oconee did a demand forecast of the treatment facility and JCWSA had Freese and Nichols do one for our needs, which Jacobs incorporated into the Upper Oconee one. He said by 2025 we will need to high rate the filters; this will take us to 2030. In 2030 we will have to build a water treatment plant expansion which would take us to 2050.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:03 pm.

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

Vice Chairman Nichols made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:11 pm.

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

No action was taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary