

WATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 22, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James Preau, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Lee Pope, Water System Director
Chip Conner
Commissioner Steve Brown

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Michael Diaz, CH2M

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray
Anita Godbee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2017.

Chip Conner made the motion and Vice Chairman Jimmy Preau seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 8, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

II. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE.

Russell Ray updated the committee on this item. He said most of the activities have been completed by Lakeshore. Industrial Control System (ICSA), the system intergrator is on site; this is the company that does the Filter Magic system, all the automation controls and the SCADA (Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition). The SCADA work is done with the computer. ICS is also working on the backwash and the Zero to Waste and connecting the chlorine dioxide system to the SCADA system. All of this is in process this week. Lakeshore is continuing with the punch list.

Michael Diaz commented except for some minor items everything is operational at the moment. The equipment has been working locally; now the intent is to actually have the operators be able to remotely see the equipment operating; and operate the equipment remotely.

Mr. Pope asked about the Zero to Waste system. Mr. Ray said there has been some air entrainment; we have cut back on a lot of the air from the fluoride system by moving the injector to our new vault; that has helped a lot. There is still some air, which is not unusual; it is just sensitive in this case because of the sensor that reads the media levels in the filters. The reading is affected by the air bubbles. He said ICS is very interested in finding the source of the air bubbles; they are

concentrating on that this week. They may make some adjustments in how the sensor is mounted and will discuss that today.

III. STARR'S MILL CLEANUP.

Mr. Rapson commented they walked around with boots and marked trees. An arborist was with them, as well as Vanessa Birrell; to make sure they didn't get into water stream type issues. They marked the entire side of the Starr' Mill side of the creek. That is what they want to do first, Phase I; do that entire side, all the way up to where the boat ramp is. He said they marked enough trees that this is probably a good weekend project. They picked the date of May 11 to do this. Mr. Breest is going to bring some folks. Keller Williams has agreed to take this on as one of their Red Day projects (a community project) and will bring about 20 folks. He said we will go out there, cut trees, limb trees and start cleaning up. Mr. Rapson commented there is quite a bit of undergrowth and most of that will have to be done by hand.

Mr. Pope commented that Daniele Mattesco is our Eagle Scout that wants to do one of his projects out there. He will come do a presentation for the Water Committee. One problem is our meeting is during school time and he does not want to miss school; we will probably schedule him to do a presentation for us sometime in June when school is out. He said Danielle is looking to do a project building enclosures for the trash cans; something to help us with that.

Commissioner Brown suggested that we might want to consider a future enhancement on Starr's Mill. When he was doing some video for different water areas they did this pond as well. He said it occurred to him when he was out there in his kayak, it looks like an infinity pool; you can't really see. When you let in at the pond, you know that spillway is there, but some poor unsuspecting person from Clayton County who catches that water paddle trail and comes down, may not know about that spillway.

Mr. Rapson said we are putting some buoys up. Commissioner Brown suggested some signs a little further up ahead on the banks, just to say Warning in 800 feet or 500 feet. Mr. Pope said we have budgeted, but have not purchased them yet, for all of our dams to put collar buoys out that have the dam notification logo that there is a dam coming up. Then we will do a row of small orange buoys to let you know you are coming up on the dam. That is at all of our reservoirs.

Mr. Diaz asked if that is the end of the trail. Commissioner Brown said yes. Mr. Diaz went on to say they will not port and then try to keep going downstream. Commissioner Brown said we don't know, a lot of these people may not have seen Starr's Mill, they may be coming from Dekalb County, and they want to ride the water trail. Then they get on there and keep going. You never know.

Mr. Rapson commented the Sandy Springs dam has a port right beside the dam. You get out and go around. Mr. Diaz mentioned if we want to direct them to a place where they can safely port out. Commissioner Brown commented especially at full pool, the water is really barreling over that dam. That is something we need to think about. On the paddle trail you can have people that have never been to that site before; and they have no idea.

V. DRAGON BOAT RACES – LAKE MCINTOSH SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST.

Anita Godbee explained they received a special event request from the Rotary Club. Lake Peachtree, as everyone is aware, will be lowered again. The City of Peachtree City has got to replace and enhance the dam and spillway. They will be doing this right before the actual Dragon Boat Race in September. They have requested to hold the Dragon Boat Race at Lake McIntosh like they did in 2016. She said they are seeking Water Committee approval to hold it at Lake McIntosh. Mrs. Godbee explained the setup day will be September 22; the event will be held on September 23; and then cleanup and dismantle will be on September 24, 2017. They anticipate around 5,000 people to attend. There are about 600 participants. It is a large event that they hold in Peachtree City.

Mr. Pope asked if the Fire Marshal in Peachtree City gets involved with that, being that there is only one road in and one road out, and we have that many spectators in one location. He asked if they have a plan. Mr. Rapson commented he does not think there is a fire concern. Usually they have a medic on call that is stationed there. Mr. Pope said he assumed they handle all the parking issues. Mrs. Godbee said yes, they will get with the City of Peachtree City and handle it. Mr. Rapson said they will have to coordinate a bus shuttle very similar to what they did for the air show.

Commissioner Brown commented the last time they used the grass lot across the street from the parking lot. Mr. Pope said Peachtree City Rowing just asked the owner of that property. Mr. Rapson said the owner had told him and Lee if they hold events out there, they would be okay with us using that lot. What they have to do is get the owner's permission. He said David Rast coordinated that for Peachtree City in the past.

Mr. Conner asked about a conflict with the Rowing Club. Mrs. Godbee said she has already notified them, to let them know that is going to take place. They are aware of it.

Mr. Rapson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the request for the Dragon Boat Races to be held at Lake McIntosh September 22, 23, and 24, 2017. Commissioner Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Brown referenced an article about the Water Guardians. The next project they are gearing back up for the new year is April 8. He said CH has volunteered to provide lunch afterwards for all the volunteers. He said they are very thankful for all the volunteers. The new colored t-shirts are ready; and people are in the process of signing up. He asked that everyone spread the word. They will start off with Lake McIntosh and then take one each month.

Commissioner Brown reported the floating dock at Lake McIntosh has a new design. He said Mr. Pope and the Public Works guys have all been working on that to put it at the end of the stationary dock. He said he loves the design, he thinks it is going to be great; he thinks it is going to help a lot of people who have disabilities or are seniors who can't haul the kayak all the way out to the floating dock. He said he thinks it is really going to benefit them.

Mr. Pope explained through our partnership with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and due to the drought; which has been reduced for us; we have purchased some conservation kits. We have partnered with them to purchase these kits for customers that do not have faucet aerators. We will make these kits available for our customers and also have them available at Earth Day and events like that. We purchased 50 kits. These are especially for those customers who have older plumbing fixtures that don't use proper gallons per minute.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Steve Brown made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee March 22, 2017 meeting. Vice Chairman Jimmy Preau seconded. The motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:15 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12th day of April, 2017.

Lisa Speegle