



Water Committee Minutes
August 13, 2025
8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Bryan Keller, Chair; Environmental Management Director
Jeff Hill, Vice-Chair; Chief of Fire & Emergency Services
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Vanessa Tigert, Water System Director
Bill Holland, Citizen Representative
Jim Poff, Citizen Representative

Absent: William Yarde, Citizen Representative

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Aaron Capelouto, Arcadis

Staff Present: Jason Tinsley, Assistant County Administrator
Susan Lee, Water Production & Operations Manager
Ben Martin, Plant Maintenance Manager
Russell Ray, Facilities & Projects Specialist
Carrie Gibby, Business Operations Manager
Anita Godbee, Parks & Recreation Director
Lindsey Choisnet, Engineering Technician

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryan Keller at 8:30 A.M.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vanessa Tigert moved to accept the agenda as written. Jim Poff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the June 11, 2025 Water Committee Meeting Minutes
Jeff Hill moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting. Vanessa Tigert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dragon Boat Academy
Anita Godbee introduced Jessica Walker and Timothy Mills with the Peach State Dragon Boat Academy. Historically, they have been involved with the Dragon Boat

Festival and are now seeking to establish their own association. They requested approval to use Lake Kedron for their activities. Lake McIntosh was initially considered; however, it was determined that scheduling conflicts were more likely due to other associations that also use the lake.

The Recreation Commission reviewed the proposal, expressed support, and recommended it be presented to the Water Committee. The Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization offering inclusive paddling programs and competitive opportunities for adults, including seniors, corporate team-building groups, cancer survivors, and para-athletes.

Steve Rapson stated that the program has merit, and the presentation was well done but emphasized the need for a stakeholder committee to review the proposal. He noted that numerous logistical and procedural questions must be addressed, and Peachtree City should be included to ensure alignment. A meeting will be scheduled with stakeholders to address these questions and gather additional information.

3. Greater Atlanta Air Show

Ms. Godbee announced the return of the Greater Atlanta Air Show to Lake McIntosh Park. Due to the configuration of the performance area, the park will need to be closed and monitored by law enforcement during all practice and performance periods. Signage will be placed at the park entrance at least one week in advance to notify patrons of the closure.

Mr. Rapson moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to close Lake McIntosh Park from October 9 - 12, 2025 for the Greater Atlanta Air Show. Jeff Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. System Updates

Business Operations

Carrie Gibby presented the Enhanced Monitoring Fee flyer distributed to customers in June. The \$2 monthly fee, effective July 1, covers several services. Ms. Gibby noted that customers already enrolled in leak protection will see no net increase in their bill; the Leak Protection Program fee dropped from \$3 to \$1, offsetting the new \$2 fee.

The \$2 Enhanced Monitoring Fee covers:

- Operation and maintenance of the Advanced Monitoring Infrastructure (AMI) system.
- Access to the EyeOnWater customer portal for usage monitoring and alerts.
- Enhanced monitoring services provided by a dedicated Water System team, which reviews accounts daily for abnormal usage and proactively contacts customers.

In response to a question from Mr. Poff, Ms. Gibby explained that customers not enrolled in the leak protection program are ineligible for leak-related credits, while those enrolled can receive up to \$1,000 in credits per year if program requirements are met. The enhanced monitoring service sets usage thresholds to trigger alerts, such as immediate customer notification for usage exceeding 250 gallons per hour.

Plant Operations

Russell Ray reported on ongoing Arcadis-led projects, including a chemical system upgrade for improved safety. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will soon be issued, with phased implementation at both plants over three years.

Susan Lee provided an update on the Triennial Sanitary Survey conducted July 1 - 2 by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The survey evaluates the Water System's ability to consistently deliver safe drinking water and comply with state regulations. No major deficiencies were found; minor items identified were already known and either budgeted for this year or previously proposed but not funded.

Mr. Rapson remarked that EPD often brings trainees to observe inspections of well-performing systems and noted that one inspector brought a colleague to the South Fayette plant for training due to its exemplary operations.

5. Director's Report

Ms. Tigert presented the AMI project closeout report. Key accomplishments included:

- Project completion two months ahead of schedule.
- Calendar year 2024 water sales exceeding 2023 sales by 11.18% despite only 70% of meter replacements completed.
- 1.4 million gallons of water saved between June 5 - 12 through proactive monitoring.
- 1,656 accounts registered for EyeOnWater, with 612 new users in June alone.
- 99.95% endpoint communication health as of June 25.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Committee's Comments

Bryan Keller reported that the County closed on the Starrs Mill property and is moving forward with RFPs for tree removal and interior building cleanup. Arcadis has been selected to develop a conceptual design and master plan. Mr. Keller expressed hope that one of next year's meetings could be held at this site.

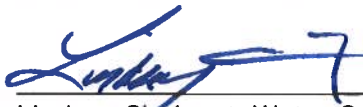
Adjournment

Vanessa Tigert moved to adjourn the August 13, 2025 Water Committee meeting. **Bill Holland** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The August 13, 2025 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 9:26 A.M.



Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 29 day of October, 2025.



Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk