



Water Committee Minutes
March 18, 2026
8:30 A.M.

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

Absent: Vacant, Citizen Representative

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Eric VanDeventer, Arcadis

Staff Present: Susan Lee, Water Production & Operations Manager
Carrie Gibby, Business Operations Manager
Tenorazel Washington, Plant Manager
Ben Martin, Field Operations Manager
Bob Bayer, Plant Maintenance Manager
Anita Godbee, Director of Parks & Recreation
Lindsey Choisnet, Project Analyst

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryan Keller at 8:31 A.M.

Acceptance of Agenda

Jim Poff moved to add one item to the agenda: Dragon Boat Association. Vanessa Tigert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the January 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Vanessa Tigert moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting. Jim Poff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Collegiate Kayak Sports Association
Anita Godbee presented a request from the Collegiate Kayak Sports Association to host a national championship event at Lake McIntosh from June 5-7, 2026. Due to limited parking capacity, staff recommended closing Lake McIntosh Park during the

event.

Vanessa Tigert moved to close **Lake McIntosh Park June 5-7, 2026** for the **Collegiate Kayak Association** to host their **National Championship** at **Lake McIntosh Park**. **Jim Poff** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. System Updates

Ben Martin was promoted to Field Operations Manager, and Bob Bayer was promoted to Plant Maintenance Manager.

Carrie Gibby reported departmental vacancies and noted the retirement of a long-tenured operator.

Ms. Gibby also provided an update on the enhanced monitoring program (EyeOnWater), reporting 1,561 leak notifications issued since July 1, 2025, including 360 major leaks. Resolution rates were 87% in January and 95% for February.

4. Director's Report

Vanessa Tigert reported that water is now flowing through the new connection with Coweta County, originally approved in 2022.

Ms. Tigert also acknowledged the passing of Russell Ray, who dedicated nearly three decades to the Fayette County Water System. He is remembered for his unwavering dedication, kind nature, and the meaningful impact he had on both the organization and those he worked with. He will be greatly missed.

5. Dragon Boat Association

Ms. Godbee provided an update on the Dragon Boat Association from their meeting with the Committee last fall. The group has selected Lake Horton for practices due to its available amenities. Two groups have combined to form the Peach State Dragon Boat Association.

Steve Rapson advised that the group must follow the County's established process, including coordination with the Recreation Commission and obtaining approval for future events.

6. Public Comment

No comments.

7. Committee's Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Bryan Keller moved to adjourn the **March 18, 2026 Water Committee meeting**. **Vanessa Tigert** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The March 18, 2026 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:59 A.M.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the
10 day of June, 2026.



Lindsey Poff, Water Committee Clerk