



Water Committee Minutes
June 10, 2026
8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present:	Jeff Hill, Vice-Chair; Chief of Fire & Emergency Services Steve Rapson, County Administrator Vanessa Tigert, Water System Director Jim Poff, Citizen Representative William Yarde, Citizen Representative
Absent:	Bryan Keller, Chairman Vacant, Citizen Representative
Committee Non-Voting Members:	Dennis Davenport, County Attorney Tom Powell, Arcadis
Staff Present:	Susan Lee, Water Production & Operations Manager Anita Godbee, Parks & Recreation Director Casey Williamson, Financial Operations Manager Lindsey Poff, Engineering Technician

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Vanessa Tigert at 8:32 A.M.

Acceptance of Agenda

Steve Rapson moved to accept the agenda as written. Jim Poff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Jeff Hill moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2026 meeting. William Yarde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dragon Boat Association
Anita Godbee and Jessica Shotwell Walker from the Peach State Dragon Boat Academy presented answers to the Water Committee's questions from the prior meeting regarding their request to use Lake Horton for practices. Practices will be twice a week, once on a weekday and once on a weekend. Estimated practice time would be 5-7 PM on the weekday and 10-2 PM on the weekend. One dragon boat

with 22 paddlers and a safety chase boat would be on the water at a time. Peach State Dragon Boat Academy requests storage for life jackets, paddles, boats/boating equipment and informational signage. Discussion of a dock extension is to be had to lower the impact on the existing dock and potentially gate off access of the extension from the public for safety reasons during practice. They also request use of the parking lot and restrooms. Chase boats will be electric-powered catamarans with low wake. Practices would start in March 2027 and go through October 2027. Ideally, some practices are open to the public to garner interest. Lake Horton will only host practices; competitions will remain at Lake Peachtree and Drake Field. The crews will pay an impact fee, like all other associations.

Steve Rapson advised that they need to discuss boat storage with the fire marshal. He also added that the Water Committee will need to approve any signage. Specifications and funding details for the dock extension will need to be finalized before approval of Lake Horton practice use.

Steve Rapson made the motion to proceed with moving forward with the Peach State Dragon Boat Academy using Lake Horton for practices and storage pending the creation of an association agreement with the Peach State Dragon Boat Academy through Anita Godbee and required signage to then be returned to the Water Committee for final approval. Vanessa Tigert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. System Updates

Vanessa Tigert introduced Lindsey Poff, the new Engineering Technician who will be serving as Water Committee Clerk.

Susan Lee reported updates on departmental vacancies. A new Class I Operator will start next week, and recruitment is currently ongoing to fill the Maintenance Technician opening.

Ms. Lee also cited great success with licensing and certifications with help of plant managers, existing staff, and Christina Jones, the Safety & Training Coordinator. All are certified or soon will be. Ms. Lee shared that the team from Fayette County Water System – The Splash Masters – won the state championship at the Georgia AWWA Top Ops competition at the spring conference. They will be competing at the national conference in Washington D.C. in a few weeks.

Ms. Lee gave an update on the generator project at the Crosstown plant. AGL is currently installing the main gas line on TDK; they will be coming to the plant after. Georgia Power will be coming in after that with the project scheduled for completion by the end of the calendar year.

Tom offered several updates on ongoing projects. The chemical feed system drawings for the Crosstown plant have been submitted to the Water System chairman for review and update in anticipation of approval in the next few weeks. The contract is underway for the Alum feed system for both plants after preparatory infrastructure measures were made. They will be breaking ground next week with the Trilith pump station. The sludge thickener project is in technical progress. The design for the tank on HWY 74 is almost finalized.

4. Director's Report

Vanessa Tigert reported on the increased commercial rate increase effective July 1, 2026 for customers using over 100,000 gallons a month. Casey Williamson explained that there are 1,000 commercial customers served by FCWS excluding Board of Education, Board of Commissioners, non-profits and churches. Of those 1,000 customers, only 163 use 100,000 or more gallons a month. That is 16.3% of customers and 175 meters. Ms. Williamson explained that the rate applies per meter per service. This rate change will result in a \$469,428 annual increase from current rate. Ms. Tigert shared that the revenue earned will be applied to high-rating the plants.

Vanessa presented a pie chart on top 5 customer consumption vs total production in percentages for the month of May. This graphic will be updated and shared every Water Committee meeting to supplement the monthly top 25 customer documentation. Ms. Tigert confirmed that this is the first time Coweta County is among the top customers and the Water Committee will watch their future usage to get an idea of consumption over a normal billing month. Jim Poff comments that Board of Education usage will go down in the imminent summer months.

5. Public Comment

No comments.

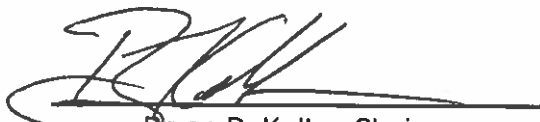
6. Committee's Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Jeff Hill moved to adjourn the June 10, 2026 Water Committee meeting. Jim Poff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.



Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12 day of August, 2026.



Lindsey Poff, Water Committee Clerk