

WATER COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
Steve Rapson
Lee Pope
Commissioner Charles Oddo

ABSENT: James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Jimmy Preau

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport
Frank Destadio

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2015.

Lee Pope made the motion and Chairman Frisina seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 28, 2015. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE PEACHTREE UPDATE.

Steve Rapson reported that this project is on track. The dredging has started; they are putting out erosion control late today. Mr. Destadio commented they are going to put some equipment out there. A pre-construction conference is set up for the City on Thursday.

Mr. Destadio added the Chairman signed the contract and the notice to proceed has been given to the contractor.

III. UPDATE OF WATER PLANTS.

Mr. Pope reported we are about to kick off the lime and actuators contract. They are already ordering equipment and are prepared to get started. This week we initiated the new Maintenance Team that will be handling the SEMS software that we bought to help us maintain all of our equipment. He said he thinks the guys are a little overwhelmed; they have over 200 work orders. They are already behind because we initiated the work orders to begin the first of January. Mr. Pope explained that Chet Ward is the Manager and Russell Ray will be overseeing what Mr. Ward is doing.

Mr. Pope stated some ipads are on the way, staff will be able to do their work orders in the field. We have ordered equipment and we are looking at trying to get a few things operational, but also doing preventative maintenance on our equipment to prolong the life of the equipment we have. It has only been a few days, but so far, it looks like things are going really well. They are coming up to speed; obviously we are doing some preventative maintenance on equipment we have not done preventative maintenance on before. There are oils and grease that have to be ordered.

Mr. Destadio added that we are at 60% design on the filter project. He said they have met with Mr. Pope to refine the scope; they would like to get that project completed as soon as they can, then they can get it under construction in June or July.

Mr. Pope said the thought process was to get it out for bid in time enough so they possibly could do construction during the fall and winter of the year. That will be when the plants are at their lowest demand. He said he is sure we will be taking half out of service. That means Crosstown will be down to half of its capacity. That is the only way that makes sense to convert it.

Mr. Rapson commented that he needs to see the total cost for that project, the design, construction management and the actual cost for the project. Mr. Destadio said he is working to get on his schedule. Mr. Rapson said he gets uncomfortable when you say you are 60% complete, he does not have an idea of the design or the construction management cost.

Mr. Destadio said 60% was where they stopped when they went through that, we are trying to get it moving again after that. The other part is they would like to get it done while All South is in the plant, so that All South can bid, and hopefully not have any re-mobilization, give you a good second bid on that project.

Mr. Pope talked about the phosphate, which was discussed at the last meeting; we are still waiting on the states approval. The state has already said they don't have any issue with us starting pilot testing, but they haven't given us anything in writing. Until we get something from them, we will not be feeding the phosphate. We are still testing the coagulant ferric right now. We have held off on that because of adding media to the filters at Crosstown. We did not want to possibly have a plant out of service at South Fayette if we had a problem with the chemicals and also have filters out of service at Crosstown. We are just staging things and doing things as our time frame will allow us. Actually, we have a lot going on at the plants.

Mr. Pope said he is really pleased to get the Maintenance Team up to speed. Joe Spann will be moving from a night shift operator to our new Manager at South Fayette; he will be assuming those duties, hopefully sometime in March. We can't move him off the night shift right now because we are training someone to take his

place. We obviously can't just throw a guy in there and leave him by himself. There will be some transition for that. Mr. Ward will still do manager duties there and maintenance until Mr. Spann gets freed up. Then when Mr. Spann goes to the plant, Mr. Ward will work with him at the plant to bring him up to speed on what is going on at South Fayette.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:10 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 11th day of March, 2015.

Lisa Speegle