

WATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2015
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
 James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
 Steve Rapson
 Lee Pope
 Commissioner Charles Oddo
 Jimmy Preau

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport
 Frank Destadio

GUEST: Alan Bowling, CH2MHill

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray
 Matt Bergen

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2015.

Lee Pope made the motion and Vice Chairman Chip Conner seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 11, 2015. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE PEACHTREE UPDATE.

Steve Rapson reported that the dredging is ongoing; last night the maintenance for the spillway was approved. Our objective is for the dredging to be complete, we have a contractual date of mid-June, but there has been a lot of rain, he said he expects that to be delayed by a couple of weeks. There are no issues from the dredging perspective. The spillway repair is being done in conjunction with the dredging, hopefully at the end of June we can refill the lake.

Vice Chairman Conner asked Mr. Rapson to elaborate a little on the spillway. Mr. Rapson explained we have a contract we awarded last night for that repair. The award is to Southeast Pressure Grouting to grout; they will drill a hundred holes, then take the grout and fill it (pump it); then they will reseal.

Mr. Pope commented they will pull the riprap back from the bottom and fill it in from the bottom so the grout will stay in place. They have a good plan.

Vice Chairman Conner commented that from time to time he sees in the paper talk about a temporary repair. Mr. Rapson said this is not a temporary repair. This is a

repair of that spillway. The City is still debating whether they want to move forward and rebuild a spillway. If they do, they would obviously have to do something with the existing spillway.

Mr. Destadio commented that the City should have come forward to do something. You guys are doing everything you need to do to fill the lake; he thinks that is the important part. If they want to take that spillway out later on and drain the lake...

Mr. Rapson said to keep in mind that if we end up long term; if the City, for whatever reason decides they want to replace the spillway, by the time you design and put that thing in place, you are two years out. If you were going to wait, the lake would have to be empty almost another year and a half or two years; best case.

Mr. Rapson said he does not know where they got the temporary repair from. Basically, we are fulfilling our obligations under the contract. We are to maintain the spillway and complete the maintenance of that spillway so we can refill the lake.

Mr. Rapson said he met with the Lake Peachtree lake owners; they want us to work with our consultant to get an estimate on the silt. They are saying the silt has a tail end that goes beyond the scope of what we are going to do. They want some of that stuff to be taken out. He said he told them we would get them a price for that, and then they could either handle it through their association or go to Peachtree City and have that discussion.

Mr. Destadio commented that when he talked to Tom Fulton, he was wrong, because he thought we were coming into this one area where the grading plan was and coming straight down. Mr. Destadio said he explained to him you can't get all the way to the water; if you get to the water it is going to start rushing back in. You are going to get as close as you can. Mr. Rapson said that he explained the grading of the three different retention bowls. Irregardless of who does the dredging in the future these bowls will capture the vast majority of that silt as opposed to what is happening today because of the way we are doing the dredging project. That is one of the reasons why we are taking out two and a half times the dirt they have done in the past.

Mr. Pope said it was a good meeting. Alan was there to answer questions and he thinks they cleared up a lot of things up.

III. UPDATE ON WATER PLANTS.

Mr. Pope reported we are beginning to break ground on the construction for the lime project. They are moving equipment in; preparing to bring the trailer in, hopefully by the next meeting they will have some items completed. They are getting ready to pour pads for the tank associated with the liquid lime. Russell Ray stated they have the construction trailer on site.

Mr. Pope went on to say that we are moving forward on the filter project. He said he thinks we are getting pretty close to getting it ready to go out for bid. He will be meeting with Alan after this meeting to try to get it finalized. Then he will be presenting some new projects to the Board at the Retreat. This is our plan for next year and then five years out.

Mr. Rapson commented the lime project and the filter project make up the lion's share of the things that are on the consent order. There are some smaller projects we are going to do that are good maintenance related projects that have nothing to do with the EPD consent. On April 3 we are having a county retreat like we have every year. Part of the retreat is we give them a pre-cursor of what we think the Water Departments capital plan will be for the next year.

Mr. Pope stated that we have a new manager at the South Fayette plant, Joseph Spann. We hired him in as a Class I Operator and then promoted him up to Manager. He was Lab Director and Water Plant Manager at Rockdale where he came from. Mr. Pope said that Mr. Spann brings about 25 years of experience with him. He has already identified some things on our consent order that we can do in house that won't cost us anything, such as some tracer studies. Mr. Pope said we have also hired another Class I Operator that will be working the night shift; he is very experienced in writing SOP's; in fact he actually develops and sells training programs for water operators. He has his own business for training operators, he is going to assist us with writing some of the SOP's and getting some of our operations up to speed, helping the operators.

Mr. Pope said we are moving forward at the plants, we just had a surprise visit by EPD yesterday. They are extremely happy. Wayne Jackson was at the plant yesterday and gave us a good report. He is excited about the things we are doing. There are a couple of things that we are going to have to handle on the consent that we have not quite gotten to; the streaming current monitors and so forth. He said that he sent some information out last night during the Board meeting to get those handled. Those are things we can do in house. He said he is really excited about where we are moving toward.

Mr. Pope announced we got our 4th quarter samples back for THM's. Last year was the first year in many years that we have passed THM's and HAA's. Mr. Rapson stated they are rolling the average which is why it takes so long to get there. This is the first time, in at least a decade that we have passed.

Mr. Rapson commented that Tony Parrott officially retired at the end of February. He said that we appreciate his years of service and his dedication.

IV. WHITE LINING.

Dennis Davenport commented at the last meeting the Water Committee asked him to send a letter to the attorney for the contractors. He said he did. He

specifically laid out the five points that we agreed to. There are a couple of concessions we made. He said the response is in the packet, rather than debate the issue we will just pass a law. He referenced Senate Bill 191 that is actually a substitute to Senate Bill 191. This is actually a committee substitute bill. The original bill had one more sentence at the end, but was redundant; he guessed the Committee just removed it.

Mr. Davenport commented it is very short and to the point, and it should get your attention as it got his. No local governing authority shall adopt or enforce any ordinance or resolution setting forth requirements or standards as to white lining, marking, remarking or any other method of locating utility facilities or sewer laterals.

Mr. Davenport went on to say that one of three things is going to happen. Either this is going to pass, or it is going to fail, or it is going to hold over to the next session. He said he does not know which one of those three things is going to happen. However, if it passes, you are going to have to take it off the books. If it fails, okay. It is almost like the legislature is saying we don't like passing a law that would handcuff the local authorities to that extent. If it is held over, that doesn't tell you anything other than the fact that they have another year to think about it. Given where we are with this, he said he recommends giving the legislature an opportunity to speak as to what they want to do this session, if anything.

Mr. Davenport said he understands the way this came up was at the Committee, the Chairman was handed a bill that nobody had even seen ahead of time. There is some force behind this, because it passed out of Committee on a vote without anybody even knowing what it was. It is out of Committee; as of yesterday it has not been voted on by the Senate. It still has to go to the House. Crossover, he thinks is next week. If it doesn't get to the House by then it is not going to pass this session, but this is the first year of a two year session. It could come back next year, still a live bill. At this point, he recommends, even though we have a lot of good things we are looking at for making changes, we are going to have to make some changes based on our decision at the meeting two meetings ago. To the extent of what changes do we have to make, he does not know. It could be we have to knock off everything we have on the books about white lining, if this passes. It could be we just make some adjustments.

Mr. Davenport commented that is his report on white lining. It is not a lot of substantive information other than the fact that it has gotten the attention of the legislature right now. Until they speak it is hard for us to know what to do. The bill started in the Senate, Senate Bill 191. The Committee modified it by taking the last sentence off, which basically was redundant. He pointed out the entire bill is on one page.

Mr. Rapson commented that he thinks we have communicated with the ACCG folks who are looking into this for us as well. They have communicated our issues with them. He suggested we let it run through the process and see how it checks out.

Mr. Davenport mentioned that it might be a good idea, once the Legislative session ends; we come back with an update. We won't know when that happens, until it happens. He said he will check in with Mrs. Speegle and let her know the session is over with, put white lining back on an agenda for the next meeting. He will update at that time.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 25th day of March, 2015.

Lisa Speegle