

WATER COMMITTEE
JULY 13, 2016
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson
Lee Pope
Jimmy Preau

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
Commissioner Charles Oddo

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport
Michael Diaz

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Chip Conner at 8:06 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2016.

Lee Pope made the motion and Jimmy Preau seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 8, 2016. There was no opposition.

II. UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Russell Ray gave the committee an update. He presented photos showing the paint job being completed at the water plant. He stated that there is a three coat system with a proxy primer that adheres well to the existing paint and the metal. Throughout the presentation he explained the colors and how the process of painting the walls and pipes was determined. He stated that they are using a color code system for the pipes. Michael Diaz stated this would help someone who wanted to work on the backwash line, to be able to find it quickly based on the color code system. Russell continued the presentation with an explanation of the colors and the type of paint used. He stated that the final coat of paint is a polyurethane epoxy that makes the paint stand out.

Michael Diaz stated that the color of the pipe will tell what type of water is in the pipe. He stated that the light blue means it is water that has been partially treated, the dark blue is finished water and the brown color is the dirty water. Lee stated that the contractor completing this project is one of the most-well respected in the industry. Michael stated that the final touches will be to label the piping and to add arrows on the pipes to show the water flow and the type of pipe.

Russell informed the committee that the status of the pay request was processed as pay

request #10 and the balance is \$1.564 million and the total paid is \$2.958 million at this point.

Michael concluded that the month of August will have a lot of projects being completed. He stated that there will be a ramp up in pay requests in order to get the projects finished. He stated that the water demands have been on the high side of things. Steve asked what the reason was for that. Michael stated that “as the heat goes up the demand goes up quickly.”

Lee shared that he thinks the higher demand is due to the confidence that the customers have in the water system. He stated that he believes that is the difference in this summer’s drought and the previous droughts. He stated that the Water System has received several awards including the “Gold Award of Compliance” and the “Best Tasting Tap Water Award” in the district. He announced that recently at the annual conference, the Fayette County Water System won the “People’s Choice Award for Best Tasting Water in the State”.

He stated that the county has set a record in water distribution. He stated that there were pumping issues at the South Fayette plant with only two pumps operational, which emergency repair was administered to get the plant back operational. He stated that the plant can only pump out 7 million gallons a day. He stated that an extended permit issued by the State allows the Crosstown plant to pump 11 million gallons, totaling 18 million gallons a day. The plant could not meet a 19 million gallon a day capacity, therefore the Water System had to purchase from the City of Atlanta and will have to continue to purchase from them until the other eight filters are online.

III. RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW.

Steve Rapson reported that this plan is on target given that Row America is ready to start their new program at Lake McIntosh. He stated that this plan puts the Water System at a better position to manage the reservoirs. He gave accolades to Lee Pope, Russell Ray, the Water System staff, the Water Committee and CH2M Hill for their achievements in turning the water system around for the better.

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has to approve the final plan. Mr. Davenport stated that he believes the plan becomes a part of the ordinance. He advised that the authority should take a vote regarding this plan.

Steve recommended that the authority review the plan in its entirety and bring this item back to the next Water Committee meeting for a vote before making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Steve Rapson made a motion to table the Reservoir Management Plan Review until the July 27, 2016 Water Committee meeting to allow the members to review the plan and make any recommendation before bringing to the Board of Commissioners. Lee Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT.

Steve Rapson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Pope seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Water Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:27 A.M.

James “Chip” Conner

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of July, 2016.

Tameca P. White