

WATER COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 2016
MINUTES

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport
Michael Diaz

GUESTS: David Linville, Charles Ellis
Stephen Hogan
Tony Parrott

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 MAY 25, 2016.

Vice Chairman Chip Conner made the motion and Lee Pope seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 25, 2016. There was no opposition.

II. UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Michael Diaz reported we are at a little bit of a standstill at Crosstown waiting for approval from EPD to be able to high rate the filters for the summer period. He said we did get the approval yesterday, that is good news and everybody is excited. That will give us an opportunity to be able to push a little bit more water through filters five through eight. Then, provide some flexibility for Lakeshore, the contractor, to start tearing down one through four. With the new filters, five through eight, it gives the plant over 11 mgd of firm capacity, but if one of the filters is out of service for whatever reason, you will still have adequate capacity to be able to get through the current demand during the summer period. He said that is pretty exciting, they are still making some SCADA upgrades. He said he will be able to see those today. Hopefully today we will start pushing a little bit more water through them. By Monday the contractor will be able to start on one through four.

This is a temporary high rating through the end of summer and through the end of the rehabilitation of one through four. EPD is being conservative in looking to see how the new filters will be operating. Mr. Pope said this will be a pilot test. When we get one through four done, they are brand new, so there will have to be some sort of test period for them. Then we will move in and have CH assist us an official pilot

to run all eight filters at 5 gallons per minute per square foot. We are collecting data right now that we think will be beneficial in the future. Right now, this is temporary. They were very clear about that in their letter. Mr. Rapson commented it expires September 30.

Mr. Rapson commented this was lightning fast for EPD to turn this around. Mr. Diaz said they got the data less than two weeks ago. They wanted to see how five through eight were operating under normal conditions.

Commissioner Oddo asked how prevalent is this system in Georgia? Mr. Diaz replied the under drain system is the second one in Georgia. There is smaller one up in McCaysville; two really small filters. Mr. Rapson said we are going to be the BETA site for this type of system. Mr. Diaz said this is also the second facility for Filter Magic; there is one up in Cornish Creek. It has been tried and tested before, but now it is at a larger scale. The summer will give us an opportunity to also optimize the performance of the new filters; test different scenarios for backwashing, run times, looking at loss of head, turbidities. It will help us really fine tune the filters for the long term.

Mr. Ray added that at the last two meetings he mentioned we were processing pay estimates. He showed the committee the latest graph on the payments. With the Chemical Systems and Actuator Improvements project we are at 98% total paid at this point through twelve pay estimates. Mr. Rapson commented that is pretty much done; within 2%. Mr. Ray said we are still retaining a small amount to finish out any last items.

Mr. Ray showed the slide for the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant Improvements project; we are at pay estimate #9, 59% total paid. We have paid out approximately 2.5 million dollars.

Mr. Diaz commented by the end of the summer we should have all the filters and the new chlorine dioxide system operational; as well as the new powder activated carbon system. They are still on schedule, everything looks good. Mr. Rapson commented everything is on schedule, on plan and on budget.

III. LAKE MCINTOSH REQUEST FOR USE.

Chuck Ellis introduced himself and David Linville; they are both members of a radio controlled sailing club in Peachtree City. He said they have appeared before this group the last two years to request use of that facility for a regatta, a day and a half regatta. He said they are requesting use of it on the 17th and 18th of September. He explained the radio control sail boats are only powered by the wind, there are no gasoline motors and are controlled by someone on the shore. The boat is out in the water, there is a very low impact on anything; and they are quiet. He went on to say it has very low impact on the facility, so anyone wanting to use the parking, they are pretty much out of the way. They expect to have somewhere in the neighborhood of

15 to 20 participants. Based on the previous years, they have come everywhere from Florida to upstate New York. Along with that, they requested each time and were authorized relief from the participants having to pay parking fees on those days. The way they handled that is they printed out a sheet of paper saying Participant Waiver for Parking. They put it on the dash of the car.

Mr. Linville said it a money losing opportunity for them. He will be out a couple hundred bucks. Mr. Rapson stated if you are a participant you have a pass, but what about the three other folks that come. Mr. Ellis said this is only for the participants. Mr. Rapson asked how many. Discussion confirmed some are from Fayette County, probably 12 to 15 vehicles. Mr. Ellis said the last couple of years a lot of people have come up to watch. They are not requesting a waiver for them.

Mr. Rapson made a motion to approve the use of Lake McIntosh for the 17th and 18th of September for the Sailboat Regatta and waiver of the parking fees for the participants as we have in the past. Mr. Pope seconded for discussion. Chairman Frisina asked if they always bring a port a potty out there. They said no, they never have. Chairman Frisina asked if they are thinking of doing one this year. Mr. Ellis said they have thought about it, they don't have enough people. It was tossed out because of the Dragon Boat sailing but they are 1/20th the size of that group. Next year, with the National Championships, that could 40, they might address having a port a potty then.

Mr. Rapson asked why you would need a port a potty if you have restrooms at Lake McIntosh. Mr. Ellis said this year no, but next year with potentially 40 to 50 participants, just the mechanics of getting back; a race will start, then it will finish, and everybody has to rush to use the facilities before the next race starts. Sometimes, it might be only a couple of minutes. Then you have a long line while they are waiting for people to race. It is also away from the parking area; the little jut of land between the dock and walkway and the spillway. It is out of everyone's way.

Mr. Rapson commented it is the same little sliver of land Row America wants to use. Mr. Ellis mentioned he did not know who did it, but someone very kindly came out and mowed that area a week or so prior to their use. Mr. Rapson said that would be us. He went on to say we are in the process of creating a fenced in area just on the other side of that golf cart part which would be a sixty by hundred foot type area for Row America and we will talk about having the Dragon Boats there, too. There is going to end up being a dock put out on that little peninsula for Row America. That is something they should consider for the September event.

Mr. Ellis said that may be to their benefit, too. Mr. Rapson said it may be if we can work with Row America and they will let you use it. Mr. Pope commented they are aware of this regatta, so he does not think there will be any issues. Mr. Ellis said they are the weekend prior to that and the weekend after the Dragon Boats. They

have a very small roll out dock they have used in the past just to launch the boats out in the water.

Mr. Rapson said they have a meeting with Row America today and he will make sure this is on their schedule. They are going to start doing classes for high school students. The fence is on the other side of the golf cart path. It would not restrict access to that little peninsula.

Commissioner Oddo asked if we are sure there are no conflicts. Mr. Rapson said the only potential conflict is Row America and he will address it today.

Chairman Frisina called for the vote and there was no opposition to the motion.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Stephen Hogan said he would like to congratulate everybody on the Gold Award for GAWP. In the industry that is a big plus for all of us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2016.

Steve Rapson made a motion to go into Executive Session for review of the minutes from the Executive Session on May 25, 2016. Lee Pope seconded and the committee adjourned to Executive Session.

Lee Pope made a motion to return to open session, Steve Rapson seconded and Executive Session was closed.

Lee Pope made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting. Steve Rapson seconded and there was no opposition.

Steve Rapson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jimmy Preau seconded and the meeting adjourned.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:15 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 13th day of July, 2016.

Lisa Speegle