

WATER COMMITTEE
AUGUST 14, 2019
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
Frank Destadio, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Vanessa Tigert, Water System Director
Charles Oddo, Commissioner
Jimmy Preau
Bill Holland

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs

GUEST:

Tim Harper

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray, Tom Henninger, Carrie Gibby
Ted Burgess, Natasha Duggan – Purchasing
Casey Williamson - Finance

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 24, 2019.

Vice Chairman Frank Destadio made the motion and Steve Rapson seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 24, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

II. REQUEST FROM TIM HARPER.

Tim Harper explained he has the property at Starr's Mill next door to the County property. He said he recently completed a landscape plan that kind of encroached on the County property stream buffer, but he has complied with the plan and everything has been signed off and approved. He said he asked someone, he could not remember, he has talked to several different people about helping maintain the grass cutting on the sod area that he put in and around the trees he planted. He said he has been getting some complaints from the Marshals Office, they say he is cutting grass and should not be cutting it. He said he wants to see if it is okay with the County or the Commissioners if he continues cutting the grass just in an area. He said he has a plan that was approved. He said he put up a little split rail fence and it looks very nice. He has had a lot of compliments on it. He pointed out the split rail fence on the plans. He also pointed out his property and the stream buffer he encroached on. Since then he has planted trees and shrubs to the tune of about \$10,000.00 for trees. Then he put in some sod on the bank that was eroding and washing. He pointed out the area inside the fence, around and up; that he

would like to ask if it is okay if he continues to mow it and cut it. He said he cuts it on a weekly basis and it looks real nice.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked if this is the one that they got in trouble because they had encroached on the property and the Marshals came out. Mr. Harper replied yes. Mr. Rapson pointed out the stream area that was affected. Ms. Tigert explained there is a natural spring and the entire area was raised, there was buffer violations. She pointed these out on the drawing Mr. Harper presented.

Ms. Tigert went on to say this drawing is not the plan she approved. Vice Chairman Destadio clarified this was the property that was eroded. Ms. Tigert agreed. Vice Chairman Destadio asked Mr. Harper if now he is asking to just cut the grass on the other side.

Mr. Harper produced the approved plan for the Committee to view. Ms. Tigert commented and pointed out on the plans the area Mr. Harper is asking to stay inside the split rail fence, which is on one side. Mr. Harper said yes, and nothing on the other side. Ms. Tigert pointed out the split rail fence. She said he planted along the stream area, and she understands that is all washed out. Mr. Harper said the floods we have had lately have just about devastated it. He is trying to maintain it and keep it up.

Ms. Tigert stated what she saw the last time is some of the larger trees, the newer trees, three or four trees that were planted (She pointed this area out). Mr. Harper said, right, they washed down the river, two or three of them did. He said the beavers have eaten about four or five of them, just chopped them off. He said that is a concern he has, for not only him, but the County. There are pointed things where the beaver have chewed them off and they are about a foot high sticking above the ground. They need to be chopped off or something. He said he planted \$10,000.00 worth of trees. He added that he had a fellow working for him and he did encroach on the County property on the stream buffer. He no longer works for him.

Vice Chairman Destadio said that is the area that is all washed away, now Mr. Harper is just asking to mow the area that is planted. Mr. Harper pointed out the county property line on his plans. He said he is very away of where it is. He said the County had it surveyed and they drove up some wooden stakes. Since then, they have rotted. He said he drove in some metal stakes so he would know where they are.

Mr. Harper explained the property line starts at the corner back at the back, comes down on an angle and comes right up to the edge of the road. There is a peg where the County property's corner is and then there is another one about half way, then another one (he pointed these out on the plans). He said he is very aware of where the property line is. Vice Chairman Destadio said any grass he wants to cut is inside that area. Mr. Harper said right, it is all in here (he pointed to the plans) and then there is some on the back side that he would like to be able to cut.

Mr. Rapson asked who cuts it otherwise. Mr. Harper replied the Parks Department. Mr. Rapson said really the question is whether we are going to cut the grass and maintain the weeds around the fence or whether we allow Mr. Harper to do it. Mr. Harper said that is correct.

Mr. Harper commented he would like to help out, he wants his place looking good and it makes the County's place look good. He said he cuts his on a regular basis. He said he does not know if anyone has been down there to see what he has done, but he has spent a lot of money to make the place look like it looks and it looks fantastic now. It is his own personal place, but it makes the County part look great, too.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked how often the Parks Department cuts the grass. Mr. Rapson said not as much as Mr. Harper would. Ms. Tigert asked if he planted Bermuda. He said it is zoysia. Ms. Tigert asked if he is fertilizing it. Mr. Harper replied yes.

The question was asked what our liability is if somebody is working on County property. Mr. Harper stated he signed a release. Mr. Rapson asked if this is a release we created. Attorney Davenport explained he signed a release to install the split rail fence, which was required as part of the corrective plan. He has not signed a release to do work on County property. You are having a private party working on County property. If there is any injury while he is working on County property, we do have liability exposure.

Vice Chairman Destadio commented he could sign another one. Attorney Davenport stated the question becomes do you want private parties to maintain County property, that is the big question. This is not an isolated incident, this is just one specific area of the County. Mr. Rapson commented there are plenty of people cutting grass in right of way throughout this county that we don't have any liability waivers for. The question is it is one thing for them to do that, it is another thing for us to give them permission to do that. That is what the liability waiver is for.

Attorney Davenport explained it is a different issue with the right of way, the right of way, practically speaking is the private property owner's front yard. You don't have county forces going through county subdivisions cleaning the right of way off like you do on county roads. In county subdivisions private property owners mow their front yard, which consists partially of right of way. This is substantially different from that. There is not right of way where he is cutting. There is a little dirt path back there behind Starr's Mill. This is just all County property that he is cutting.

Vice Chairman Destadio said if those people are cutting that property now on that right of way, if they get hurt, they have the right to sue or something because they are cutting it without any... Attorney Davenport said if he is talking about the

situation that Steve brought up which is people mowing their front yards and they mow on the right of way, practically speaking that is not going to be any liability exposure for us because that is seen as their front yard and they want to maintain their front yard. This is different from that because it is not the front yard facing a right of way. This is property across from his yard.

Vice Chairman Destadio said the question is, if he signs a waiver, signs a release; isn't that better than not signing a release. He said he knows Attorney Davenports' concern is are we opening up Pandora's Box for other people that want to cut property. If they sign a release, what difference does it make?

Attorney Davenport said it is not a question of whether they should sign a release, they would definitely sign a release, if you allow this activity. The question is, do you want to allow this activity. This is not an isolated instance. There could be other issues around the county where private people want to maintain public property. Again, the release is something that should protect you, but it is not all encompassing.

Vice Chairman Destadio said to go back to the question, Attorney Davenport is saying do we want to allow people to do it. Attorney Davenport said correct. Vice Chairman Destadio said he is saying if they sign the proper releases, what difference it makes.

Attorney Davenport said it makes all the difference in the world. The release is just protection if a lawsuit is filed, that you are protected. It doesn't mean you are not going to participate in the law suit. You are going to be participating in the law suit because there will be a law suit filed, then the question becomes how good is that release. Is it going to cover every circumstance, if you don't allow this activity, you don't have that exposure. With the release you still have some exposure, but you are protected as well as you can be. The question is, do you allow the activity. That is the big question.

Mr. Harper commented that Attorney Davenport was saying if you are in a subdivision; he pointed out his front yard and said the property line is basically right across here. He said this is his front yard, facing the road that goes into the Mill. What is the difference in living in a subdivision and cutting grass on the right of way versus him being in his front yard and cutting the grass on this right of way here; inside the fence? He said he does not understand.

Attorney Davenport said "Mr. Harper, I just told you the difference. I am not going to go into debate as far as that is concerned. We are here because you encroached upon the County's property and trespassed and cut down trees. That is why we are here." Mr. Harper said "that has been repaired and paid and he paid dearly for that". Attorney Davenport said "because you enforced our ordinances and that is where we are now. What he is saying is to have a private party maintain county

property, we don't have anybody doing that today. This is a significant departure if we do this today."

Vice Chairman Destadio asked if we have the authority to vote on that, is that our body or is that the Commissioners? Mr. Rapson said he thinks we make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. He said he will speak to the Board of Commissioners individually. He asked if the Water System cuts the grass down there. Mr. Ray replied we cut it. Mr. Rapson said he will find out what our schedule is. Then we will talk about it. We knew we were going to have this problem when we allowed the split rail to be put there, because obviously he is going to want it maintained more than what our typical maintenance is. He said he will look at all that and he will come back with a recommendation for the Water Committee.

Mr. Harper said that would be great and thank you for your time.

III. WATER SELECTOR UPDATE.

Russell Ray updated the Committee on this item. He said Tom and the staff at the water plant went out and collected a few samples. Obviously, with this hot weather we are now pulling in those higher levels from the lake; as we did back in May. He showed the water coming into the Water Selector from the lake. We have a measuring device outside as part of the system, that sample was collected at Gate Level 3 of the Water Selector. This is several feet below the surface. The wet well is water (grab sample) taken from inside the wet well because the pumps are running. When the pumps run, it totally mixes the wet well. He said we feel like this is a representative sample inside the wet well. He said you can see the difference in the parameters, turbidity is much higher in the wet well. What is more important is the manganese and the iron. He showed what we would like to see coming from the Water Selector, he pointed out the numbers coming from the wet well.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked about the leaking wet well. Mr. Ray said we have made arrangements, we have contacted the diver and making arrangements for them to come on out and do it. He showed the plans for the pump station and pointed out the cross section, the pump, it shows how the pump goes. He pointed out the vertical turbines, where the motor sits, the piping from the vertical turbine down to the impellers that are down in the bottom. If that water is seeping in and it is in that lower area, it is going to be pulled into that pump. When the pump is run it totally mixes the wet well.

Mr. Ray explained when the Water Selector was installed it was put over the middle gate (he showed this on the photo), he pointed out the upper and lower gates. Since the sluice gates are on the inside, the devices that open and close them are on the inside of the building; the stems are on the inside. He said they saw this one time when they pulled the water down. He pointed out they could see a particular one and there was some seepage around it. The diver will come in and look at it, they

may use die, they may be able to tell without die, and hopefully they will be able to get some good video.

Ms. Tigert commented there are actually three divers, because they have to go into the wet well they are certified for diving in confined spaces. Mr. Ray confirmed we have not used carbon this year. He said he wants to re-emphasize that, we are still looking at the data ourselves. IXOM has looked at the data and provided updated reports.

Mr. Rapson commented on Mr. Ray's comparison chart. He said the turbidity makes sense because all that is, is the water is all mixed up. That makes sense. Surely just the manganese and the iron are concerning. Mr. Ray stated that is correct. Because of the concentrations, Tom is blending Lake Horton water in the holding pond. Crosstown has the ability to get water from both of the large lakes, Lake McIntosh and Lake Horton. We are pumping some water over from Lake Horton. It blends there in the pond and it helps them with their treatment of that water. He said we did pull some water from Lake Peachtree again.

Mr. Rapson commented to keep in mind, the whole purpose of this is to insure that whatever the seals are or whatever issues we have that we don't replicate that, which is why we haven't flipped the switch on the other Water Selector. While we are seeing the savings and stuff that we are anticipating, obviously we have to make sure we get the manganese and the iron straightened out as well.

Commissioner Oddo asked about using Lake Peachtree. Mr. Ray said in order to supplement additionally what we are trying to treat under these production demands. Mr. Rapson said it is just another tool in the shed. Commissioner Oddo clarified it is not the need for water, it is the need for trying to fix this problem. Tom Henninger stated we also don't want the pumps at Lake Peachtree sitting for too long and the water lying, having stagnant water, so we like to run it every once in a while, just to keep everything moving and in good shape in case we do have a need for it.

Mr. Ray said at one time we used Lake Peachtree daily. Of course, with Lake McIntosh we haven't had to do that and it worked out well during all the work at Lake Peachtree over the last few years. We are trying to use it more often again, and of course during these high demand times, we pull 10 million gallons a day out of the pond, then we can supplement that with two million gallons a day from Lake Peachtree.

Vice Chairman Destadio commented that he still believes the Water Selector was a good choice. Mr. Rapson stated he does too. He said when the three divers tell him where it is leaking and they do their die test, he said they assured him they will not die test to the point of it affecting the water. It is still hydrology, you will have some leakage just because you are not going to have a perfect seal. But, we want to get a handle on why that is and where it is at.

Mr. Ray commented once we get the results we may have to speak with our engineer or our manufacturer's rep about those sluice gates and is this normal for this kind of leakage and determine why, if it is leakage, how much and why, and what can we do about it.

IV. WATER PLANT UPDATE.

Jason Bodwell reported that yesterday he sent Ted and Natasha a spec for the water valves. He said he has mentioned a couple of times we want to replace the media in the filters at the South Fayette Plant. Before we do that we have to replace the valves. He said he sent them a spec to put in a series of bid documents to replace the six valves. One at each one of the underside of the basins to replace those first before we replace the media. We will put that out competitively.

Mr. Rapson asked what does that project cost, roughly. Mr. Bodwell said we got a quote from the entity that is going to also do the media. Ted had decided he wanted to do that competitively and their quote was around \$60,000.00.

Mr. Rapson said he just wanted to put it on record for a number. Mr. Bodwell said he did not come up with that quote, but they came up with a \$60,000.00 quote, he said he really does hope they are the low bidder; the company is Filter Rehab. They can not only replace the valves but also replenish the media. It would just be good to have the same company; it could be faster, it could be more efficient.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked why does it have to be competitive. Mr. Rapson replied because we are in a competitive; because we are government. Vice Chairman Destadio said he knows that, but they are the ones replacing...Mr. Rapson said, honestly, they should have the competitive advantage. They know about those valves better than any other company so they should give the low and best, most responsive price.

Ms. Tigert commented it will be really interesting once we put this out to see if they come up with the same quote. Mr. Bodwell commented it is an easy project, we are going to replace the exact same valves that are there. It is a really quick easy project. Hopefully it won't take very long.

Mr. Bodwell reported the bigger project is the Chlorine Dioxide system. Just yesterday he gave the edited bid document to Ted and Natasha. The reason they were holding off on that is to get Vanessa on board. It is a big project, they did not want to move too far forward without having a new Director. He said he also wanted to talk about a new task order for them to help with that. To help with the Construction Management that he, Vanessa and Russell need to sit down and chat about.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked about the cost of this project. Mr. Bodwell said it is estimated for the construction alone, at \$1.4. That does not include Jacobs work to

do the bid phase services, the construction management...Mr. Rapson said he is well aware of what the budget is for this project. Mr. Bodwell said the challenge of that \$1.4 estimate is, it is a small project and contractors are very busy. He said they bid a project the other day in Athens. In Athens they do a pre-qualification process. They pre-qualified five contractors. Only two bid, the other three they called and asked about them going through the effort to get pre-qualified. They said they are too busy. They did not have time to put the bid in. The other two, the estimate was \$8.7 million dollars in the project; the two bids came in, one at \$10 million and one at \$17 million. The contractor that bid \$17 million said he just threw out a number. He is so busy. Contractors are very very busy these days, so the challenge is going to be on a small \$1.4 million dollar project to get contractors interested and to get them to bid competitively. While the estimate is \$1.4 million, that does not take into consideration just market conditions.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked how important is this project? If the bids come in like that, and it is very common to have contractors say I just threw out a number. Do you throw those bids out because they are ridiculous, how long can you wait before we do this project? How important is this project? He said he does not recommend we take bids that are out of whack.

Mr. Ray explained we have an existing system, we routinely have to make repairs to that system. It is an outdated system. Vice Chairman Destadio asked if anything has failed. Is it urgent? Mr. Rapson said we are trying to bring South Fayette Plant at the same level, consistent with what we are doing at Crosstown, what you don't want to do is have two different systems. That is what we have now.

Vice Chairman Destadio said if push comes to shove, that can be delayed until contractors get back into normal rhythm. Ms. Tigert said either way, we are going to have to spend money because we need to make sure we repair the current system and get it up and running so time isn't lost. Vice Chairman Destadio said if it is something broken and you are repairing it, it is different than if it is old and it is working and you can wait six months or a year.

Ms. Tigert said she thinks it is all of the above. It is old, it breaks, it needs repair constantly. Vice Chairman Destadio said that means we may have to accept one of the higher bids, unfortunately. Mr. Rapson said he is not conceding to accepting any higher bids. Each bid will be evaluated based on its merit. He said a lot of questions are being asked. Obviously, we think it is urgent and we obviously think it needs to be done or it would not be part of our Capital Plan in us moving forward. We are in the process of doing the bid cycle and all the questions will be answered as all the bids flow through the Water Committee.

Chairman Frisina commented this amount of work is outside of what we could do with our staff. Mr. Rapson agreed. Mr. Bodwell said they have a 3-D design he will bring to the next meeting. Mr. Rapson said we are trying to commonize our plants across both plants.

Ms. Tigert commented she is sure the data is out there on the cost benefit of doing this versus us hanging onto this other system. She knows the numbers are out there. Vice Chairman Destadio said he was not recommending we maintain it for a long time. He was just saying until the market comes back down and we get better bids. Mr. Bodwell said at this moment you are not under a time crunch, you don't have to do it tomorrow, you don't have a regulatory issue or compliance issue. Mr. Rapson commented that is the best time to do it.

Mr. Bodwell commented that once Ms. Tigert gets her feet under her, they talked about maybe in mid-September about a month from now, sitting down; we have two existing projects going on right now to do evaluations of solids handling technology at both plants. Right now we use drying beds, the sludge is actually put into concrete beds and they are dried naturally. We are going through an evaluation to determine the best technology and the sizing of the pieces of equipment. A rough estimate of installation cost at both facilities. Maybe in about a month when we are done and have a presentation and a report done, he will have the technology folks come down and sit with ...his thought was to start high level with Vanessa and say this is the impetus of the project. This is why Lee and others want to do this project, just high level and start drilling down into the weeds of the technology. Then end it with this is our recommendation and there is a budgeted line item in the fiscal year 20 budget to design one of these systems at the Crosstown Plant first. As you are sitting there listening to the presentation and he is sure dollar signs are in your head, you can look into the 2020 budget and see we actually had the forethought to put money in the budget to design the results of the evaluations.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked Mr. Bodwell to review the minutes from the last meeting and then talk to him off line. Mr. Bodwell said he had seen Tony Parrott was here and asked a question about why you are doing this versus just keeping the current drying beds. Vice Chairman Destadio said he asked a couple of things about a drying place. Mr. Bodwell said he remembered there was a piece of property.

Mr. Bodwell reported Justin from Southeastern Tank, which has already done two of the tanks, he and Russell had a conference call two weeks ago and ironed out the plan for this coming fall to renovate the remaining three tanks. The order in which they have decided was to do the Ellis Road tank first, starting roughly around Labor Day. That will take about eight weeks. They will be renovating the Ellis Road tank in September and October. Then moving to the Peachtree City tank; that will roughly take about four weeks that will be in the month of November. Then, moving lastly to the Crabapple tank, starting roughly in December. That will also take about eight weeks, so that will be December and January. He said these are all preliminary.

Mr. Rapson asked if that is when the logos will go up, too. Mr. Bodwell said yes, the logos will all go up while they are working on the tanks. When Justin comes out to

the Ellis Road tank, it is easy, it is the exact same tank that we did for Highway 92, the logo, and the template is already made. The tank is the same size. When he gets out on site at Ellis Road he is going to send his crew over to Peachtree and take some measurements. The challenge we are going to have is typically you have a logo on either side of the tank. Now, we have two logos. Can we put two on either side for a total of four? Can we put three or do we just do Peachtree? So, Justin is going to come out and take some measurements and come up with some mock ups they will bring back. He said he does not know if they can fit Peachtree and Fayette on one side and Peachtree and Fayette on the other. He does not know if there is enough space on the tank.

Mr. Rapson said we will find out that answer in September or October. Mr. Bodwell said yes, he will send his crew over to take some measurements and figure that out and do some mock ups and bring it back. He said he was very very clear with Justin and he completely understood that this is going to be a big focus. Justin said "In my world, tank logos are the biggest focus", so he completely understands how important this is. Mr. Rapson commented logo in the line of sight. Mr. Bodwell said yes, and the tank color and things like that. He said his thought was does the Fayette County Water System logo need to go on the tank or just Peachtree. He said that is the question, do we want both logos. Mr. Rapson said we want to try both.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked if this is in the agreement with Peachtree City. Mr. Rapson said it had a logo on it before and we are putting the logo back on it because of what it had before. Vice Chairman Destadio commented it should say Fayette County Water System. Mr. Rapson said it will say Fayette County on it. Vice Chairman Destadio said what if you can't get both. Mr. Rapson said he will let him know in October when he knows the answer to that. The Committee discussed this issue further, including the line of sight issue.

Russell Ray reported we talked about the work for the DOT Roundabout from Highway 92 South. Since our last meeting, DOT has submitted the invoice for that work to get started based on the contract they have with their contractor. That came in at \$479,601.41. It is still a good chunk of money, but it is lower than the estimates. Ms. Tigert said about \$250,000.00, right? Mr. Ray said from the beginning totals yes. This is the DOT contract, the work outside the contract we will be handling that in house with the help of our contractor that does work for us. That will be a separate cost.

Mr. Rapson said the \$479,000.00 is substantially less than what the Board approved when it first came through. Vice Chairman Destadio said Mr. Ray had made a comment there would be no disruption of service during the work that the County was going to do. He said he had asked the question would there be any disruption for what the DOT got and you didn't know, you were going to check. Mr. Ray said he does not foresee it being any major problem. In talking with Matt we have not talked about there being any major interruption of service for the other inside the

project area. There will be some with change overs, obviously, an hour or two at the most. That is all that is anticipated. He said he will talk to Matt about that as we move through this project.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chairman Destadio said he has been commenting and he has talked to Steve about swimming in our reservoirs. He said he keeps asking the question, what is the proper level of people swimming in the reservoirs? We keep drawing water out of Lake Peachtree, but we keep saying it is not part of our reservoir system. He said he went on line, he added he does not want to drag this out, he will leave with the new Director; everything he has been able to look at and he has talked to Steve is no one is allowed swimming in reservoirs. Henry County doesn't allow it, Coweta County doesn't allow it. When he googled no one seems to allow swimming at reservoirs. We have allowed Peachtree City to swim in Lake Peachtree because apparently we have given that lake back to them. Yet we are still drawing the water out of it. Kedron flows into Peachtree so to get water out of Kedron we are really pulling it out of Peachtree. He went on to say from the research he has done, it seems like our Watershed Protection Plan would be the document we need to modify. For the next, he does not think for the next meeting, since she has a lot on her plate, but in the next couple of meetings, a month or two, he asked Ms. Tigert to please look at our Watershed Protection Plan and see if that needs to be modified. **Ms. Tigert and Mr. Rapson agreed.**

Bill Holland asked about the Marshals having to enforce this. Vice Chairman Destadio commented Sunday when he was leaving, the Marshal was out putting his boat into Lake Kedron. Someone was out, as we (speaking to Mr. Rapson) had talked, you said people should not be swimming in Lake Kedron. He saw them all around the docks together, when he reported they were jumping off the bridge swimming. You said they shouldn't be doing that. You said the Marshals should be checking that. He said he kind of gave that a Yea Okay; but in reality the Marshal came out and he was just driving by and he thought that was maybe as a result of our comments, but it was good. He said he did not bother to talk to him or see what he was doing, but he knows the Marshal was putting his boat in the water, so he had a nice Sunday afternoon stroll around the lake. Maybe he saw people, maybe he didn't, he is glad he is checking Kedron. He said thank you for doing that.

Mr. Rapson stated they periodically check it, there are a couple of statements Vice Chairman Destadio made he wanted to correct. One is we never gave the lake back to Peachtree City, Peachtree City has always owned Lake Peachtree. Our permit, there are two of them, a four million gallon withdrawal at Kedron, and a half a million out of Lake Peachtree. Everything flows through Peachtree, so our four and half million gallons we are withdrawing, we are withdrawing at the spillway at Lake Peachtree. In essence the water reservoir is extended beyond Kedron into Peachtree

so they are both water reservoirs. The ability to swim within any reservoirs, including Kedron, McIntosh is all governed by our Water Reservoir Management Plan. He said what we did three years ago, in an effort to accommodate the activity we were having at Lake McIntosh with the Rowing Club was we went into that document; if you look at that document there is a place in the document that has the standard, there is not swimming in any reservoir language. Every document has them. There is also a piece in there that says you can swim in designated recreational areas and we have designated those areas. Kedron is a good example; if you are at the Kedron area that there is a boat dock or there is a dock that has been defined as a recreational area. You can swim there. You can't be jumping off the bridge. That is not a recreational area, you can't jump off the island. We have prohibited swimming everywhere except those recreational areas. If you look at Lake Peachtree, where they are swimming, they are swimming over there at the two ponds, over at Fishers Luck, they are swimming at Drake Field. All of those are designated recreational areas. There is nothing wrong with that. It is when they are swimming in other areas of Lake Peachtree that it is a problem. Our Marshals get in boats on all of our reservoirs, habitually go around and tell folks they can't do this, you can't swim. We do that at McIntosh, we do that at Horton.

Mr. Rapson said to answer Vice Chairman Destadios question, you can't just swim wherever you want to swim, but there are certainly swimmers that are allowed. He said when he called and spoke with EPD, there is not a magical number of the number of people to be swimming. EPD's position is you shouldn't be swimming except for the areas you have designated in your Reservoir Management Plan, period. He said he guesses you could have a thousand people in that area and they are not going to have any pleasure with it.

Vice Chairman Destadio asked if the Watershed Protection Plan is different than the Watershed Management Plan. Ms. Tigert said yes. Mr. Rapson said yes, it is radically different and you are not going to find. Vice Chairman Destadio asked where to find the Watershed Management Plan, is that a document. Ms. Tigert said it is a dynamic document that is actually over in Environmental Management, it is constantly being updated. She said they have never gone out and asked for a third party to come up with that plan. We do it in house. Vice Chairman Destadio asked if it is available for someone to read. Ms. Tigert said yes. Mr. Rapson said you could read it, the restrictions for swimming are going to be governed by your Water Reservoir Management Plan which is what EPD looks at and approved.

Vice Chairman Destadio commented that he is just saying if he pulled it up on the site, it would show him where in the reservoir the swimming is allowed. Ms. Tigert said not in our Watershed Protection Plan. Vice Chairman Destadio said no the Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Rapson said what he thinks Vice Chairman wants is a map of the lake with these designated areas indicated. That is not what EPD approved. They approved what you designate as a recreational area. Vice Chairman Destadio said that is what Mr. Rapson said, where did you identify what the recreational areas were. Mr. Rapson said any recreational area we have that we

have recreational activity, paths, a dock, a boat dock, a fishing dock...Vice Chairman Destadio commented it is words that is a description. Mr. Rapson said that is correct.

Mr. Rapson said what Peachtree City had stated on their web site, originally when Vice Chairman Destadio brought it to his attention. When you drill down into it, what they are saying, and they are very articulate in regards to how they say it, there is nothing wrong with what they said. They are not misleading the public and they are allowing the public to swim in areas that are designated under our Water Management Plan. If you walk back four years, what they were doing was wrong, because we did not modify our plan. Not until the rolling truck came to McIntosh did we modify that plan. Vice Chairman Destadio mentioned swimming around Spy Island. Mr. Rapson said Spy Island is not a recreational area, so no, there is no boat dock there, and there is no dock there.

Vice Chairman Destadio commented it is right alongside Battery Way and they swim from Battery Way over to the island. Mr. Rapson said he did not know, he would have to look at the layout of the land, but he takes it from the general area of the recreational stuff, you are probably okay. Vice Chairman Destadio said it is in the general area. He said he is just trying to figure out where they are allowed to swim, because he doesn't want to be the bad guy going down saying you can't swim.

Mr. Rapson said he does not think he has to. You can just call the Marshal and let the Marshal know. Vice Chairman Destadio commented on a Saturday afternoon calling the Marshal. Mr. Rapson said yes, the Marshal is 24/7. You can send him a text and he will take care of it. Ms. Tigert said she would take care of it as well.

Chairman Frisina asked if the Marshal goes on Lake Peachtree or Lake Kedron. Mr. Rapson said there are times that he does and there are times that he coordinates with the Police Department. Chairman Frisina commented that Peachtree City regulates Lake Peachtree. Mr. Rapson said primarily he would say yes. Vice Chairman Destadio mentioned Drake Field, he said he went to Night Market and there were all kinds of kids swimming in the lake. Mr. Rapson said yes, there is a recreational area adjacent to Drake Field.

WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTOR.

Bill Holland announced he thinks it is appropriate for us to welcome Vanessa, our new Water System Director. Ms. Tigert said thank you. The other members welcomed her.

Vice Chairman Destadio said he spoke to Lee Pope this last week. Both he and Michael are doing well.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Jimmy Preau made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee August 14, 2019 meeting. Vice Chairman Frank Destadio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 11th day of September, 2019.

Lisa Speegle

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:
August 28, 2019**