

WATER COMMITTEE
September 23, 2020
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Pete Frisina, Chairman
Vanessa Tigert, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson, County Administrator

Charles Oddo, Commissioner
Jimmy Preau
Frank Destadio

Committee Members Absent: Bill Holland

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs (by phone)

Other Staff: Russell Ray, John Caldwell, James Munster
Casey Williamson, Susan Lee
Carrie Gibby, Water Committee Clerk

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 22, 2020 MEETING

Vanessa Tigert made the motion and Frank Destadio seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

II. WATER FACILITIES UPDATE

Russell Ray provided an update on the water tanks. Since the completion of the main project, there has been a corrosion issue on the riser pipe of the Highway 92 tank. And reattachment of the covers of the Peachtree City tank. This work is being completed currently and Fabio with JACOBS is onsite doing the inspections. Jason Bodwell added the project should be complete in a couple weeks. Russell Ray discussed the project to rebuild the pumps and motors in the Lake Peachtree Pump Station. Purchasing is working on the Notice to Proceed and will be moving forward soon. We are also rebuilding one motor at the Flint River Pump Station. Two are currently operational.

Frank Destadio asked that with this pump project, if it puts to bed the possibility of moving the pumps out of Lake Peachtree to Lake Kedron. Steve Rapson answered that it does not put that option to bed and states the agreement gives Fayette County the option to move the rebuilt pumps to Lake Kedron if we choose to. Mr. Rapson added that when we have a hurricane or big storm coming, we do not lower the level of Lake Peachtree or Lake Kedron in anticipation of the storm because the spillway is designed and built to handle those types of events. This question seems to always come up when heavy rain is headed our way. Multiple engineers firms have looked at it and agree there is no reason to do that.

Russell Ray provided a brief update on the Lake Horton Water Selector. We have worked through various operational issues. Modifications have taken place to the software screens to get those in working order. We are working to properly calibrate the multi parameter probe unit. Our staff is doing better with calibration of that equipment. We continue to have IXOM work with us in getting this equipment online.

Vanessa Tigert shared the Zero to Waste Contract is on the Board of Commissioner agenda for tomorrow night. This same system is at Crosstown and saves us a ton of water. Mr. Rapson said this same system will be at South Fayette and contributes to continuity of operations and cross training capabilities.

John Caldwell shared the Chlorine Dioxide is substantially complete should be going through start-up in about a month from now. The sulfuric acid tank arrived last week and both tanks are in place. A ribbon cutting paired with the Water Committee meeting will take place on the same day on a date to be determined.

Jason Bodwell stated JACOBS is currently working on designing a new sludge collection devices at both plants at all basins that is a hoseless system that would eliminate some challenges that is currently being experienced with the current pneumatic system. The design is 60% complete. Should be complete by the end of the year to be bid out in the beginning of 2021.

Mr. Tigert announced that Carrie Gibby is now officially the Financial and Business Manager. We also added Ben Martin as Field Operations Specialist straddling engineering and field operations groups assisting with plan review and field inspections. We are also adding an Engineering Technician to assist with the various programs.

The Water System intern, Sara Mallon, created a virtual tour of the Crosstown and South Fayette Water Treatment Plants. This will be a great introduction for educational outreach to students and citizens and will be posted to the County website. The Crosstown Water Treatment Plant virtual tour was shown.

Russell Ray reviewed the recent rain event, Hurricane Sally, and how it contributed to Lake Horton levels. Lake Horton gage captured over 4 inches over a twenty-four hour period, and the lake to rose a full foot. Further discussion was held on the storage capacity of the lakes in Fayette County.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Carrie Gibby brought everyone's attention to the email in the Water Committee packet from Water System customer, John Oakey. Mr. Oakey expressed concern regarding the allotted time to make payment based on the mail date to due date. We have found our mailing date to due date consistent with surrounding area utilities. The mail date to due date for City of Fayetteville is 21 days, Clayton County Water Authority is 20 days, and Henry

County and Coweta County Water Authorities are 14 days. We responded to Mr. Oakey with additional payment options and additional options that would allow him to receive the water bill in a timelier manner.

Ms. Tigert added in the coming days when we onboard the Engineering Technician, we hope to revamp our Water System website to make our payment options more apparent.

Mr. Destadio followed-up on the Design and Installation of Water System's document. Ms. Tigert stated it is in progress but currently on the medium to low priority list.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Vanessa Tigert made the motion and Frank Destadio seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on September 23, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the Water Committee was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.


Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 28 day of October, 2020.

Carrie Gibby

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: October 14, 2020