

Water Committee
Minutes
August 10, 2022
8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Bryan Keller, Chairman
Vanessa Tigert, Vice-Chair
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Jeff Hill, Fire Chief
Clinton Holland
Bill Holland
Jim Poff

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Michael Diaz, Arcadis

Staff Present: James Munster, Chief Marshal Lem Miller, Capri Reeves,
Susan Lee, Russell Ray, Carrie Gibby, John Caldwell,
Anita Godbee, Lindsey Choisnet

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Keller at 8:30 a.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vanessa Tigert moved to accept the agenda as written. Clinton Holland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting
Vanessa Tigert made the motion and Bill Holland seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 13, 2022. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Bryan Keller abstaining because he was not in attendance at the July 13, 2022 Water Committee meeting.
2. Lake McIntosh Park Air Show
The Greater Atlanta Air Show is coming back to Fayette County. The Air Show requires a “box” below the flying for safety reasons. Lake McIntosh Park is in that air box, so they have requested to close the park November 3 – 6. Chief Marshal Lem Miller is coordinating with Peachtree City, ensuring the borders at Lake McIntosh will be patrolled and that the roads around that area will be closed. Like last time, we will coordinate with the Road Department to put signage up a week prior to the event to alert those who visit Lake McIntosh Park of the closure. Setup and practice will be that Thursday and Friday with the Air Show taking place on Saturday and Sunday. Roughly 7,000 spectators are anticipated to attend the event.

Steve Rapson made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to make the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to close Lake McIntosh Park from

November 3 - 6 for the Atlanta Air Show. The motion passed unanimously.

3. System Updates

James Munster advised we have had three significant main breaks since our last meeting, the most noteworthy being one off Antioch Road just outside the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. This is probably the largest main break we have ever had, at an estimated water loss of almost three million gallons. Thankfully, the break was midway through a creek and that creek dumps water back into Lake Horton.

Susan Lee updated we are about a third of the way through the TracVac replacement project at the South Fayette Plant.

Russell Ray spoke on the Task Order with Arcadis to help with technical and future design upgrades of our SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system.

Carrie Gibby went over our staffing challenges, noting the most vacancies being in our Field Operations division. Within the past month we have gone from being down 23% of our work force to being down 11% and we are excited about that reduction. Given the current job climate with staffing shortages, Mr. Clinton Holland asked if we are doing anything to attract potential new hires. Ms. Gibby explained how we offer developmental training opportunities within the water industry and also have a work program with the schools. Michael Diaz mentioned that our new technology is another great angle, especially with the AMI deployment. Mr. Rapson added that, in January, every employee was given a 10.45% pay increase and merit pay increases were awarded in July. These efforts have helped retention and hiring new employees. Ultimately, though, when Georgia and the rest of the world got away from technical schools, finding folks interested in the water industry became more difficult. Our solution has been to lean more into high schools and colleges to get people interested in the Water System as a career.

John Caldwell discussed the progress on Veteran's Parkway. The pipe will be fused next week and the bore under Highway 54 is scheduled for the end of the month. This will be a backup for the hospital and a huge connection for redundancy within the System.

Ms. Tigert shared that the City of Fayetteville and Town of Tyrone Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) for updated sewer billing are on the August 11 BOC Agenda. The Peachtree City IGA will be on a later BOC Agenda.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Clinton Holland commented how the Lake Kedron levels appeared to be low again over the past weekend. We did receive rain after the weekend and Mr. Ray advised the levels registered within one foot of full pool as of yesterday.

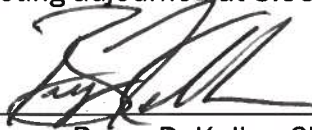
Mr. Holland was at a meeting in Peachtree City where the Lake Peachtree aquatic

usage was discussed, and he would please like clarification on that. The 2016 Reservoir Management Plan advises swimming is permitted in designated areas at Lake Peachtree.

5. Adjournment

Bryan Keller made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on August 10, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

The August 10, 2022 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12 day of October, 2022.



Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk