

Water Committee
Minutes
October 12, 2022
8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Bryan Keller, Chairman
Vanessa Tigert, Vice-Chair
Jeff Hill, Fire Chief
Bill Holland

Absent: Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Jim Poff

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

Staff Present: Jayden Wright, James Munster, Carrie Gibby, Mark Frank, Susan Lee, Russell Ray, Ben Martin, Lindsey Choisnet

Call To Order

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

1. Acceptance of Agenda
Vanessa Tigert moved to accept the agenda as written. Bill Holland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting
Jeff Hill made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 10, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
3. System Updates
Carrie Gibby advised the Water System's business office will be hosting the annual McDonough Road Holiday Open House for Fayette County employees on December 21, 2022. Due to the large number of county employees in the building, customer service operations will have a delayed opening. The business office and phones will open at 9:30 am.

Susan Lee introduced Mark Frank, the new manager at our South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Frank has been a Water Operator with Fayette County for 15 years and we are excited to welcome him to this position.

Russell Ray shared that the lake levels are within one and a half feet of full pool. We have gone three weeks without rain but hopefully we get some rain today.

James Munster touched on the status of our infrastructure. Just last night, our

infrastructure maintenance team had to repair a watermain on Braelinn Road that was damaged by AT&T. We have had 12 damages this year due to AT&T's work laying fiber-optic cable throughout the county. A majority of those damages have been at the fault of AT&T, which they have paid for.

Ben Martin, our Field Operations Specialist, discussed our new Sages workflow process. Sages is a plan review digital tracking system that several Fayette County departments have already been using. The Water System needed to incorporate Sages into our plan review process to establish consistency for all jurisdictions within the county and to streamline review and acceptance procedures. The Board of Commissioners approved the plan review fee schedule, which was determined based on what surrounding counties were charging for their plan reviews. The fees offset expenses incurred for the annual maintenance costs of the Sages software and went into effect July 1, 2022.

Lindsey Choisnet expressed the Water System's immense gratitude to Steve Tafoya, Director of the Building Safety Department. Mr. Tafoya's guidance has been integral to the successful launch of Sages and we could not have implemented it without him.

4. Director's Report

Vanessa Tigert advised that we are on track with our AMI project. We are focusing on contract development with Badger Meter and are reviewing our infrastructure to determine what vaults may need repairing prior to meter installation. Initially we are going to install 500 AMI meters, so we want to focus on our large meters and our large meter vaults.

Michael Diaz added that Arcadis is working on multiple task orders for the Water System- supporting the work at the water plants, AMI, the Trilith water tank, and interconnection with Coweta County to name a few.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.


6. Adjournment

Bryan Keller made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on October 12, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

The October 12, 2022 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.


Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 9 day of November, 2022.



Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk