
Water Committee Minutes
April 12, 2023
8:30 A.M.

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

Committee Non-Voting Members: Patrick Stough, Assistant County Attorney
Michael Diaz, Arcadis

Staff Present: Chief Marshal Lem Miller, James Munster, Capri Reeves,
Susan Lee, Emily Larrimore, Christian Mercer, Ben
Martin, Russell Ray, Anita Godby, Lindsey Choisset

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. Jim Poff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting
Jeff Hill made the motion and Jim Poff seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 8, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Rowing Club Scrimmage at Lake McIntosh
Anita Godby advised that the Rowing Club scrimmage was canceled, so no vote or action is needed from Water Committee. Feedback from the Committee is still appreciated so that Ms. Godby can provide the Rowing Club guidance on future events. Overflow parking, extra restrooms, and trash clean-up are areas of concern. Steve Rapson added that we also need enough lead time in order to get the event to the Water Committee and then before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Mr. Hill asked for clarification regarding Fire and EMS event coverage. In the past, Peachtree City had always handled coverage; however, per the Rowing Club, Peachtree City instructed that Fayette County Fire & EMS would provide the event coverage because Lake McIntosh Park is a county facility. We're more than happy to cover those events at any county facility, we just need to know that is indeed the plan so we can move forward. Mr. Rapson confirmed that Fayette County property will be covered by Fayette County employees.

3. System Updates

James Munster reported on a couple of incidents in the distribution system. We've ordered materials to make the repairs.

We partnered with Public Works and other departments for a three-week Commercial Driver's License program and currently have one of our employees attending this class.

Capri Reeves shared that Michelle Chavez was promoted to Customer Support Specialist and we are very excited as she steps into this role.

We are currently collecting data so our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) installer can test the merger of their work order system with our billing system.

Susan Lee updated that the final walk-through for the Hoseless Sludge Collector project is April 20. We appreciate River To Tap, Inc.'s perspective on this contract and they've worked very well with staff.

The SCADA project is getting off the ground; we have a vendor coming in next week to start the migration from our older systems.

Emily Larrimore was excited to introduce Christian Mercer, our new Laboratory Analyst. She came to us from North Carolina where she was a Class 1 Water Operator and joined our Water System as a Class 2 Operator before being promoted to the Lab. Ms. Mercer has a bachelor's degree in Biology, which is a huge plus. Yesterday we had our lab inspected by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Our lab is certified to run the monthly microbiological analysis for our compliance with the Total Coliform Rule. It's very important that we have that certification, otherwise, we would be sending daily samples to an outside contract lab, which is much more costly than if we do the testing. We have been certified for a full three years thanks to our updated and thorough recording-keeping.

Mr. Rapson noted that this certification is a much bigger deal than what Ms. Larrimore is making it out to be and we are very proud of her for this tremendous accomplishment.

Mr. Keller added that, by also being able to perform in-house sampling for the Environmental Management Department (EMD), we were able to save the County almost \$22,000.

Ben Martin shared that one of the efforts he's been making since coming on board with the Water System is getting the dams back up to snuff. A lot of work has been done on Lake Kedron's dam, including an upgraded intake structure, a new valve assembly, corrected erosion issues, a re-caulked spillway, and a tie-in with Crosstown's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system.

Russell Ray reported that the cleaning of our elevated water tanks has been completed and we will be reviewing the reports with the vendor to help us schedule future maintenance on those tanks.

Testing was performed on our production meters at the treatment plants and we'll be reviewing those reports upon receipt.

4. Director's Report

The Planning and Zoning Director was a member of this Committee since its inception. That was changed two years ago when Ms. Tigert decided to replace Planning and Zoning with the EMD Director because of how closely the Water System and EMD need to work together. We also brought on the Fire Chief, as we supply the Fire Department with water.

Interviews were held for the vacant citizen Water Committee seat. We'll be making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners at the Tuesday, April 25 meeting.

5. Public Comment

No action taken.

6. Adjournment

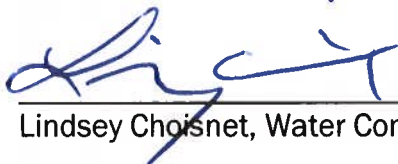
Bryan Keller made the motion and Steve Rapson seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on April 12, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

The April 12, 2023 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.



Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of May, 2023.



Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk