



Water Committee Minutes
August 9, 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
William Yarde

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Aaron Capelouto, Arcadis

Staff Present: James Munster, Capri Reeves, Susan Lee, Russell Ray,
John Caldwell, Anita Godbee, Sgt. Bryan Clanton, Lindsey
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Call to Order

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Bryan Keller moved to accept the agenda as written. Vanessa Tigert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting
Jeff Hill made the motion and Jim Poff seconded to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Greater Atlanta Air Show
Parks & Recreation Director Anita Godbee discussed the return of the Greater Atlanta Air Show to Lake McIntosh Park in October.
Vanessa Tigert made the motion and Jim Poff seconded to make the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to close Lake McIntosh Park October 6 - 8, 2023 for the Greater Atlanta Air Show. The motion passed unanimously.

3. System Updates

James Munster advised that we've had no significant water main breaks or large water loss since our last meeting. We have repaired quite a few polyethylene services, which were the services that were installed in the county throughout the 1970s - early 1980s.

Customer Response crews have identified roughly 200 Badger meters that have reached end of life, so we're moving the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters into those replacements.

Capri Reeves detailed how the new AMI enhanced monitoring will alert customers and staff to potential leaks in real time.

Aaron Capelouto shared updates on several projects including the Trilith water tank being in the procurement phase, the AMI Public Service Announcement video draft availability, and working with Tyler Munis on AMI software integrations.

Projects that will be starting soon are visual, structural, and electrical condition assessments of the water treatment plant structures along with the tanks and booster pump stations.

Susan Lee discussed the algae bloom at Lake Peachtree. Historically, algae blooms occur in Lake Peachtree during the summer. We continually monitor all our reservoirs for algae because it is naturally occurring. The bloom at Lake Peachtree is not affecting our drinking water supply as we're not currently using Lake Peachtree as a water source, but we are treating the lake.

John Caldwell advised that we've run into substantial rock at the Coweta connection and hopefully construction will start back up next week.

4. Director's Report

Vanessa Tigert explained that when the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) does its road improvements, we partner with them to do our relocations and betterment activities around their improvements.

The first of two projects they're getting ready for is the Highway 54/74 interchange, so we need to move some water lines and infrastructure. There is an in-kind and betterment portion of the project, making our total estimated amount for Highways 54/74 one million dollars.

The second project is the widening of Highway 85 at Highway 279, on the north end of the county. This is a small project that will include relocating less than 700 feet of water lines, moving one hydrant, and relocating two vaults. Since the Fall of 2020, Mr. Caldwell has worked with GDOT in detail for an estimate that they approved for \$125,000. After they bid the project out last week, we received an invoice for \$530,000. We've sent a detailed analysis and are working with GDOT to figure out exactly what caused such a large increase.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Committee's Comments

William Yarde inquired about the turnaround time for replacing a broken water meter cover. Mr. Rapson advised we will get a replacement cover out to that address today.

Adjournment

Bryan Keller made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on August 9, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

The August 9, 2023 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.



Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 13 day of September, 2023.



Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk