



Water Committee Minutes
November 8, 2023
8:30 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Bryan Keller, Chair; Environmental Management Director
Vanessa Tigert, Vice-Chair; Water System Director
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Jeff Hill, Fire Chief
Bill Holland, Citizen Representative
Jim Poff, Citizen Representative

Absent: William Yarde, Citizen Representative

Committee Non-Voting Members: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

Staff Present: Capri Reeves, Customer Support Manager
James Munster, Field Operations Director
Susan Lee, Water Production & Operations Manager
Alicia Neckles, South Fayette Plant Manager
Russell Ray, Facilities & Projects Specialist
Casey Williamson, Finance Operations Manager
Lindsey Choisnet, Engineering Technician

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. Jeff Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting
Jeff Hill made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the 2024 Water Committee Meeting Schedule
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Russell Ray shared that the SCADA consoles are being upgraded at Crosstown and will match the consoles at South Fayette. Both plants will be operating on the same software system, which is good for the Operators.

Susan Lee introduced Alicia Neckles, our new South Fayette Plant Manager. Ms. Neckles brings wastewater and project management experience from the Cities of Atlanta and Fayetteville. We're thrilled to have Ms. Neckles join us on the drinking water side.

James Munster shared that our Field Operations crew has been busy with main breaks and service line leaks.

Mr. Munster also discussed a recent concern with sediment in a customer's home filtration system. Numerous laboratory tests reflected no issue with water quality, yet the concern persisted. After locating all the valves in the subdivision, we found one that was 50% open. The valve is now 100% open and subsequent water flushing in the area seemed to resolve the issue. Roughly 250,000 gallons of water moved through 19 hydrants and successfully removed sediment from inside the water line.

Capri Reeves communicated that this month marks the start of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. The initial deployment of 500 meters is scheduled to start on November 27 and should finish up the week prior to Christmas. Full deployment will begin after the first of the year.

Casey Williamson highlighted the Water System's electricity usage. The three main

factors that affect our bills are temperature, precipitation, and demand. Electricity accounts for roughly 24% of our overall expenses. We are customers to both Georgia Power and Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation (EMC). We looked into solar power; however, the monetary benefit of solar panels would not offset the installation costs.

4. Director's Report

Ms. Tigert advised we are diligently working on both the Cross-Connection and Drought Ordinance revisions.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Committee's Comments

Steve Rapson shared his appreciation of Mr. Munster's text alerts advising how many customers are affected when there are main breaks. Fayette County shares that information with respective city managers, if the break is in their jurisdiction, and this information has been incredibly well received.

Mr. Keller thanked the Water System for hosting the 2023 Fayette County Employee Appreciation event at the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. We had 400+ employees in attendance and it was a huge success.

Adjournment

Bryan Keller made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on November 8, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

The November 8, 2023 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.


Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

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


Lindsey Choynet, Water Committee Clerk