

Water Committee Minutes June 12, 2024 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
William Yarde, Citizen Representative

Committee Non-Voting Members:

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

Michael Diaz, Arcadis

Staff Present:

James Munster, Field Operations Director Terry Boggs, Field Operations Specialist Capri Reeves, Customer Support Manager Carrie Gibby, Business Operations Manager

Susan Lee, Water Production & Operations Manager

Carl Adamoli, Water Plant Manager

Russell Ray, Facilities & Projects Specialist Lindsey Choisnet, Engineering Technician

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 April 17, 2024 meeting

Jeff Hill made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting. Jim Poff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. System Updates

Field Operations

James Munster provided updates on the Woodland Road Private Water System (PWS) project. Woodland Road PWS includes residents of Stearman Road and Mayfair Lane who wish to tie-on to the Fayette County Water System (FCWS)

distribution system.

The Stearman Road waterline has been laid; pressure testing, bacteria samples, and meters should be set by next week. Pipe for Mayfair Lane is expected to be delivered today and installation will take roughly three days. The Woodland Road PWS project should be completed by end of July.

Jim Poff asked about the PWS service line replacement. The homeowners were required to replace their service lines; FCWS supplied the copper service line, the meter, the backflow, and a pressure reducing valve (PRV). We will maintain that equipment for one year. The PRV is necessary because our water pressure is much greater than the well it was previously connected to.

Terry Boggs is our new Field Operations Specialist, whose primary function is development plan review and inspections. Mr. Boggs is a native to Fayette County and comes to us with 25 years of experience in energy defense contracting. He performed facility inspections and upgrades with a focus on nuclear oversight.

Business Operations

Capri Reeves advised that we are 30% complete on meter installations for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project, and we are at 95 out of 122 large meter installations. There are over 12,000 cellular meters in the system right now.

Carrie Gibby explained the end-of-year processes that are taking place, such as bad debt write-off, inventory management, and annual reporting.

Plant Operations

Carl Adamoli is our new Plant Manager and comes to us from Pennsylvania. He brings 15 years of water experience in operations, distribution, training, and leadership.

Susan Lee detailed our new training strategy when onboarding new Water Operators. We're working to get all our Operators certified to read bacteria samples in a timely manner.

Russell Ray spoke on the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) project. We're working with our Information Technology department to modify the SCADA network and keep it secure.

Jim Poff asked if SCADA includes distribution sites as well. It includes our remote units, such as the remote valves and tank levels.

3. <u>Director's Report</u>

Vanesa Tigert shared that the 400,000-gallon Trilith water tower has been erected.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. <u>Committee's Comments</u>

Bill Holland shared concern about what contents can be poured into a storm drain and asked where citizens can find this information. Mr. Keller advised that we have an Illicit Discharge Ordinance, which outlines the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Fayette County, City of Fayetteville, Peachtree City, and Town of Tyrone have these ordinances, which is required by the North Metro Georgia Water Planning District. Our website provides this information and includes a form to report illicit discharge. The Environmental Management Department investigates these reports in the unincorporated county. Each jurisdiction has a department that investigates these reports.

- City of Fayetteville: https://www.fayetteville-ga.gov/390/Stormwater
- Peachtree City: https://peachtree-city.org/159/Stormwater-Utility
- Town of Tyrone: https://www.tyronega.gov/faq/it-legal-dump-yard-waste-or-debris-down-storm-drain-or-creek
- Unincorporated Fayette County: https://fayettecountyga.gov/environmental_management/illicit-discharge

Adjournment

Bryan Keller made the motion and Vanessa Tigert seconded to adjourn the Water Committee meeting on June 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

The June 12, 2024 Water Committee meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Bryan D. Keller, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the day of August, 2024.

Lindsey Choisnet, Water Committee Clerk