

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

WORK SESSION

February 7, 2008

Vice Chairman Pugh called the work session to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present included Chairman Hunter Bicknell, Vice Chairman Randall Pugh, and Board Member Rob Jordan. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Chief Engineer Fred Alke, Engineer Rob MacPherson, Engineer Richard Check, Chief Operator Mark Dudziak, Water Supervisor Stacy Jenkins, Accounting Administrator Judy Davis, and Board Secretary Denise Nation. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

Level 4 Drought Exemption Reinstatement

Manager Klerk stated that Governor Perdue announced more flexibility in outdoor watering restrictions. Through these restrictions, you can hand water for 25 minutes from 12:00 midnight until 10:00 am. This is on the odd even schedule. Also, anyone wishing to water new professionally installed landscape must register with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program. Newly professionally installed landscape can be watered up to three days a week on the odd/even schedule. Manager Klerk further stated that the Authorities would still have to achieve the 10% reduction in water use. In October, with the Boards approval, the Authority cut all exemptions for watering except for mortar mixing and the car wash.

Manager Klerk further stated that in order to lift any of the restrictions, the JCWSA Board would have to vote at their next meeting any restriction reductions.

No action was taken at this time.

Discussion of Special Meeting

The regular February, 2008 meeting of the JCWSA Board has been rescheduled to be held as part of a Special Meeting called by the Chairman of the JCWSA Board. The meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. This scheduling is necessitated by member and staff scheduling conflicts that make the usual time and date impractical. The chairman, upon consultation with the other Board members, finds that the rescheduled date is the best available date for obtaining a quorum, providing an adequate public notice, facilitating public participation in the meeting, and timely consideration of JCWSA Business.

Notice of the rescheduled meeting shall be posted in the usual manner, and written notification shall be sent to the Jackson Herald, to the attention of Mark Beardsley.

Middle Oconee Wastewater Treatment Plant – Bid Award

The board discussed the bids received for the Middle Oconee Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The bid was awarded to Allsouth Constructors, Inc. The bid included several alternates. The board discussed at length with staff and Prime Engineering the best way to go financially.

No action was taken.

Water Distribution System Interconnection Support Agreement

Manager Klerk stated that the Agreement Contract for the Gainesville connection is ready and asked the Board to give Chairman Bicknell the approval to sign the agreement. This would need to be voted on at the next meeting of the Board.

No action was taken.

Billing Dispute Policy

Manager Klerk stated that customers must respond to the Authority in writing. Once this is done, then a process would be followed. A committee of the Authority Manager, the Water Service Supervisor and the Authority's Chief Engineer would then take the response and make a determination and would submit it to the customer.

Manager Klerk also stated that an amendment to the Billing Policy would need to be made by the Board.

Chairman Bicknell stated that the board would like to receive at each Board meeting, a copy of any actions taken through the month.

No action was taken.

Wholesale Water Rate Modification

This item was tabled until next Work Session.

Visitors Request

The board discussed visitor requests upcoming for the regular meeting.

No Action was taken.

There being no further items of discussion, this work session as adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Denise P. Nation, Board Secretary