

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

Chairman Ehrhardt called the March 13, 2014 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Members present included Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Vice Chairman Shade Storey, Board Member David Lathem and Board Member Joe Hicks. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, Finance Director Judy Smith, Engineer Joey Leslie, Water/Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included, Alex Pace, Main Street Newspapers and Tim Grogg, CyberGov

Approval of Minutes

Member Hicks made a motion to approve the March 13, 2014 board meeting minutes.

Member Lathem seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

New Business

Rate Analysis Presentation

Manager Klerk introduced Tim Grogg of CyberGov consultants. He gave the Board a brief background on Mr. Grogg and his services. He stated Mr. Grogg is here to present the latest rate analysis that was completed in January.

Mr. Grogg addressed the Board and presented the rate analysis. He covered connection fees and rates/revenues. Mr. Grogg stated the data shows a need for a rate increase of 7.7% per year for the next three years starting in 2015.

Chairman Ehrhardt said the Board will review the study.

No action taken.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Manager Klerk stated the Authority, once again, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2012. Finance Director Smith said we have received this award consecutively since 2007.

Chairman Ehrhardt congratulated Finance Director Smith for a job well done.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Storey made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

Member Lathem seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

Vice Chairman Storey made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Member Lathem seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

No action taken.

Managers Report

Wastewater

MOWWTP Upgrade is moving along close to schedule. Estimated completion date is June 27th. The secondary clarifier floor and wall pours are complete. Half of the concrete trough is poured. The construction of the chemical feed building is complete. The flow splitter box concrete pour is complete with sluice gates installed. The guts of the clarifier and piping to splitter box need to be completed.

The Possum Creek Lift Station 2014 budgeted upgrade is in actively in the works with a bid package ready to go out for advertisement. This work is timely due to the fact that Toyota is now currently discharging an average of 25,850 gallons of wastewater per day.

This will be bid as a "Design-Build" since this is a relatively simple project. You're probably aware that "Design-Build" throws more liability on the Contractor. Joe and Mark have worked with the local Flygt Pump Representative to properly size the (2) pumps. The pumps are to be retrofitted into the existing wet well through the use of a flanged adapter. The pumps shall be Flygt "N" pumps and are each designed to pump 644 gpm under the conditions present, an increase from 400 gpm from only (1) pump. Recall that the second pump presently in operation is even smaller. The new pumps will increase the force main velocity to about (4) feet per second to aid in keeping the force main clear of debris.

The sewage collection system maintenance, primarily manholes, has been keeping the wastewater group busy with several broken tops in areas almost inaccessible. Being on top of collection system repair has kept our sewer system inflow to an absolute minimum.

Water

Mark has composed and published the water authority's "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report". This last weekend the report was mailed to all authority water customers. Some printed

copies are available for Board members wishing to have a look and it's posted on our website as well.

The Wheeler Cemetery Pump Station is coming along. The building slab and walls are almost complete. Contractor is waiting on door frames to complete the walls.

The Akers Road Water Line is currently under construction per the "Neighborhood Water Line Policy".

Staff has started back with our aggressive flushing program as of April 1st as a result of dropping chlorine residuals.

Lastly, our own Engineer, Joe, has been appointed to the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority Engineering Committee and is my alternate for voting in my absence.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Karen Johnson
Board Secretary