

Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority
Called Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

Chairman Dylan Wilbanks called the October 17, 2019 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Called Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present included Chairman Dylan Wilbanks, Vice Chairman Pat Bell, Board Member Christopher Nichols, and Board Member Wade Johnson

Also present: Attorney Paul Smart and Authority Staff: Eric Klerk, Joey Leslie, Mark Dudziak, Judy Smith, Harold Garrison, Karen Johnson, Amy Bales, Nathan Hester, Hope Weeks, Jordan Evens and Ronna Berrong.

Visitors included Cindy Edge, Mainstreet Newspapers

Approval of Minutes

Member Nichols made a motion to approve the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes with the amendment of the sentence (page 2, paragraph 1) “asked for” to “wished”.

Vice Chairman Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

Finance Report

Finance Director Smith presented the operating reports.

New Business

Presentation of the 2020 JCWSA Draft Budget

Manager Klerk stated the proposed budget does contain a 5% increase in rates for 2020. He gave a brief summary of the history on the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, Jackson County, and Bear Creek Reservoir and why we are obligated to pay the debt service in full.

Vice Chairman Bell said she feels it is time for the Authority to pay this debt.

Vice Chairman Bell asked Manager Klerk the status of the Jefferson Reservoir. Manager Klerk said we have a meeting with Jefferson and their consulting engineer October 30.

Manager Klerk explained how the GDOT utility relocation expenses, as well as maintenance costs for the water pumping and sewage lift stations, effect the operating budget. He said the current expansion of the wastewater plant will cause the operating costs to increase as well.

Manager Klerk stated our salaries and benefits increased by 0.33% and that portion is only 23.8% of the total operating budget.

Finance Director Smith continued with the budget presentation. She discussed a new transparency portal that will be available on our website for the public to access, by the first of the year.

Member Nichols made a motion to approve the proposed JCWSA 2020 budget.

Vice Chairman Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

Executive Session

Member Nichols made a motion to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Vice Chairman Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and all board members present voting.

Vice Chairman Bell made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:15 p.m.

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

Manager Report

- Wastewater Treatment Plant going well – NPDES permit under GaEPD renewal
- Traditions Tank – work is slowly progressing

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary