

JACKSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

WORK SESSION

September 2, 2010

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Members present included Chairman Randall Pugh, Board Member Shade Storey, Board Member Neelagaru and Board Member Dean Stringer. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Chief Engineer Fred Alke, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, Finance Director Judy Davis, Water Manager Stacy Jenkins and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News and Prime Engineer Rob McPherson.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

Customer Issues

Manager Klerk discussed the details of three customer issues. He stated these three customers indicated they would like to come before the board next week.

1. Customer is dissatisfied with the 24 hour turn around for service to be restored. Manager Klerk reiterated this is board policy.
2. Customer would like to address the board on the \$200.00 re-install meter policy. Manager Klerk stated this \$200.00 fee is board policy.
3. Customer is dissatisfied with decision on her water usage billing dispute. Manager Klerk stated the usage history and meter test verifies the water usage. He also stated the customer said she has a drip hose for irrigation and a pool.

No action was taken.

Refunding of 1999A Bonds

Chairman Pugh stated there is an opportunity to refinance the 1999A bonds. He said this would save the Authority some money. Manager Klerk gave a brief history of the bonds and addressed the spreadsheet contained in the board packets. He stated the spreadsheet outlines the savings. Finance Director Davis stated Jamie Wilson suggested in order to keep the administrative issues to a minimum, it would be a good idea to refund the bonds at the same time the BOC refunds their bonds. Finance Director Davis stated there should be a resolution to pursue this issue.

This matter will be put on the agenda for next week's board meeting.

No action was taken.

Neighborhood Water Line Policy

Manager Klerk pointed out the changes to the proposed policy. He stated language was added regarding fire hydrants and providing fire protection to potential customers. Manager Klerk read the addition to the policy on the second page. Member Stringer stated it did not have to be called a Class 6. He said it could be called an ISO Classification. Member Storey asked for clarification on the size of the line. Manager Klerk said if the line is over 1000 feet, we would use 8" C900 plastic. If the line is less than 1000 feet you can use 6" plastic. Chairman Pugh reiterated this policy would be for existing residential neighborhoods only. He also said each project would go through a comprehensive staff review for its economic feasibility prior to being submitted to the board for project approval.

This matter will be put on the agenda for next week's board meeting.

No action was taken.

Hoschton Contract

Manager Klerk explained the Hoschton contract will expire on April 6, 2011. He stated on page 2, 4F that we are required to give Hoschton budget numbers by October 1, 2010. Manager Klerk said would use the existing contract dollar amount for their purposes until April 6th. He stated Hoschton should get bids for operation of their plant or hire someone to operate their plant. If they hired their own person, we would assist in training that person. Manager Klerk is proposing to not go into an additional contract beyond April 6, 2011. He stated the Authority is not in the contract operations business and is not even sure how that would affect our charter. Chairman Pugh asked if we knew where Hoschton stood financially. Manager Klerk said they are paying their bills to us but beyond that he is not aware of their finances. Manager Klerk said logistically this puts a burden on the Authority: "We are a small operation and it can be difficult to take care of all their needs and all of our needs." Chairman Pugh asked if the fee Hoschton is paying us is acceptable. Manager Klerk said we are breaking even. Wastewater Manager Dudziak said the Authority's wastewater plant permit will come up for renewal in 2011. He said there will be a lot of additional testing and this will require additional staff efforts. Manager Klerk said he has arranged a meeting with Hoschton on September 15th and wanted the board to be aware of his intentions. Wastewater Manager Dudziak reminded everyone we still have mutual aide and would assist them if necessary. Chairman Pugh stated he feels we are taking the right steps by having dialog with them now.

No action was taken.

Chairman Pugh adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Karen Johnson,
Board Secretary