

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER  
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**WORK SESSION**

**February 2, 2012**

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present included Chairman Randall Pugh, Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, and Board Member Dean Stringer. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, Finance Director Judy Davis, Authority Engineer Joe Leslie, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, Water Manager Stacy Jenkins and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News, Mr. Jerry Hood with EMI, Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, Paul Reynolds and Mike Reynolds.

**Agenda Items Discussed**

*City of Hoschton Operations Agreement Renewal*

Chairman Pugh stated it is time to consider the renewal of the operations agreement with the City of Hoschton. Mayor Erma Denney addressed the Board, thanking them and the Authority for all that has been done to assist the City of Hoschton in the operations of their water and sewer system. She stated the City of Hoschton is humbly requesting JCWSA to continue to service their system and renew the operations agreement contract.

Mayor Denney said the sewer mapping that we have provided has been beneficial and they look forward to the water mapping as well.

Chairman Pugh verified with Manager Klerk that the contracts' fee structure and language is the same as last year. Manager Klerk said "yes" and briefly summarized the contract.

No action was taken.

This matter will be put on the agenda for the February 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

*Water Request on Old Savage Road*

Chairman Pugh stated Mr. Allan Padgett contacted him regarding installation of a water line in his neighborhood on Old Savage Road. Mr. Padgett addressed the board requesting an opportunity to become a JCWSA customer. He furnished a petition with names of property owners interested in purchasing a meter connection and felt that there would be additional property owners willing to sign the petition.

Engineer Leslie presented three options for consideration with regards to the installation of the waterline.

Chairman Pugh asked Mr. Padgett if he thought it was feasible for the property owners to help with the cost of an 8" waterline as opposed to a 4" waterline if they wanted fire service. Mr. Padgett said that would be a possibility.

Chairman Pugh pointed out that the Authority did not receive any SPLOST money this year therefore would not be able to bear the cost of installation of fire service but could probably honor their request for water service.

Mr. Padgett asked what the cost of running a waterline up Evans Road would be. Manager Klerk said without committing to anything, about \$6,000 over and above the \$12,300 to get it to Evans Drive, with the assumption that there was a dedicated (20) foot wide easement to place it in. Manager Klerk then revisited the Neighborhood Water Policy.

Engineer Leslie was asked to provide several additional scenarios for consideration at next week's board meeting.

No action was taken.

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#### *ARC Grant Approval*

Mr. Jerry Hood reported that the Authority scored very high on its preliminary grant application. He said there were approximately 27 applications submitted. Mr. Hood stated the Authority's application was approved by the Governor. He said the formal application is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hood said a signed resolution will need to accompany the formal application along with the commitment of the \$366,500 in matching funds. Manager Klerk said Attorney Smart has looked over the resolution that will be brought before they Board next week.

#### *Harris Lord Cemetery Road, Advertisement for Bids*

Manager Klerk stated the design work is almost complete. He said we are waiting on the permit from the DOT to push the pipe under Highway 441. He stated we had two places to obtain easements and Water Manager Jenkins has acquired them at \$100 each. Manager Klerk said we should be able to authorize going out for bid on this project in March. He said we are waiting on the City of Commerce for the approval of the intergovernmental draft agreement on the inter connection. This will be discussed at their next council meeting. Manager Klerk wanted to make the Board aware that Commerce will not be able to provide the one million gallons of water per day as previously discussed. Commerce staff has informed the Authority that this figure has been reduced to 430,000 per day. He stated this would still be good in an emergency to supply our southern most pressure zone. Also, this will result in the need for a much smaller and less expensive pumping station.

No action was taken.

## **Executive Session**

Chairman Pugh said there was a need for an Executive Session regarding land acquisition and a personnel matter.

Vice Chairman Ehrhardt made a motion to go into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

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

Vice Chairman Ehrhardt made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:54 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

Chairman Pugh adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Karen Johnson,  
Board Secretary