

**JACKSON COUNTY WATER
AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2013

Chairman Ehrhardt called the March 14, 2013 Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present included Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Vice Chairman Shade Storey, Board Member Dean Stringer and Board Member Pat Bell. Also present: Manager Eric Klerk, Attorney Paul Smart, CIO/GIS Analyst Mike Johnson, Engineer Joey Leslie, Finance Director Judy Davis, Wastewater Manager Mark Dudziak, and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley Main Street Newspapers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Storey made a motion to approve the February 14, 2013 board meeting minutes and the March 7, 2013 work session minutes as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Highway 124 (Traditions) Water Tower Logo

Chairman Ehrhardt said this matter was discussed at the last work session. He stated since then, a counter offer has been presented by Mr. Bessmer. Manager Klerk read the email stating that Traditions has offered to increase the initial \$3,000 payment to \$10,000 and pay the remaining balance in nine equal payments. Manager Klerk said he had to clarify that the entire payment is \$30,000 over ten years. Chairman Ehrhardt said in summary, the offer is \$10,000 up front instead of \$3,000 up front and the remaining balance paid over ten years for a total of \$30,000.

Chairman Ehrhardt stated in 2015 the development will be turned over to the homeowners of Traditions. He stated at this time there is not a board at Traditions. Chairman Ehrhardt stated we do not have a policy to address going into the advertising business and do we want to entertain a motion to pursue this.

Vice Chairman Storey said one issue he has is we do not have a policy in place for this type of request. He also said he feels it would be hard to allow approving another contract with a group that we are currently having trouble enforcing a previous contract. Vice Chairman Storey said without a policy this could open up a can of worms with numerous requests. Lastly, he stated the homeowners association are not involved in this obligation and concurred with Chairman Ehrhardt that they would inherit this obligation in 2015 without any input.

Member Bell said her concern is that we have five tanks and with this kind of money, she feels we could have a lot of requests. She also is not comfortable since we really don't know who we are dealing with.

Member Bell made a motion to deny the Traditions of Braselton logo tank offer.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Hoschton Operations Agreement

Manager Klerk stated Mayor Kenerly is not able to attend the meeting tonight.

Manager Klerk pointed out that this contract will be the Authority's fourth consecutive year and is essentially the same agreement except for the dollar amount has gone up. He said he recommends the Board move forward and execute the Authority's half of the agreement.

Vice Chairman Storey asked if the Board would be authorizing Manager Klerk to execute the contract. Manager Klerk said "no". Attorney Smart said it will be signed by the Chairman and himself.

Manager Klerk stated he has two originals that will be signed by both parties and each party will keep an original.

Chairman Ehrhardt said Manager Klerk feels comfortable with the changes made to the contract. He said we have a full-time person dedicated to manning the plant and he is comfortable with the terms and conditions of the contract. Chairman Ehrhardt stated this is good for Hoschton and the Authority.

Manager Klerk pointed out that the city of Hoschton is entirely in Jackson County so they are all Jackson County residents and this is a neighborly thing as well. He said we did a mutual aid type of agreement in the beginning and assisted them with no payment for the first six months.

Vice Chairman Storey made a motion to approve the Hoschton Operations Agreement as presented and executed by the Chairman.

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

Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Policy

Manager Klerk reviewed the proposed cross connection policy pointing out page 10, "H" and "I", explaining the changes to those bullet points. He stated the Water Services Agreement has been modified to coincide with the Cross Connection Policy.

Manager Klerk said there is a resolution if the Board decides to adopt the Cross Connection Policy (Exhibit "A") and the amended Water Services Contract agreement (Exhibit "B").

Vice Chairman Storey made a motion to adopt the Cross Connection Control Program and amend the Water Services Contract Agreement as presented.

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

Managers Report

Manager Klerk reported we are ready to send the plans for the wastewater treatment plant clarifier to the EPD. Wastewater Manager Dudziak said next week.

Manager Klerk said EMI is working on the sludge handling facilities and the drawings are about 90% complete.

Manager Klerk said the Roquemore Road waterline project has seven paid customers and we need two more. He thinks we have two more that might be coming in shortly.

Chairman Ehrhardt asked how many residents would be involved. Manager Klerk said we had fourteen or fifteen residents respond yes with a total of twenty-two homes.

Manager Klerk said Ramblers Inn Road is not as positive. He stated we only have had four residents sign up and we need fourteen. Chairman Ehrhardt asked how many homes in that area. Manager Klerk said approximately forty-three. He said we are going to "let it ride" for another month and see what happens.

Chairman Ehrhardt asked about payment terms. Manager Klerk said some people have paid in full and some have paid the minimum deposit of \$250.00 and are making payments over the next twelve months.

Finance Director Davis said there might be some residents that meet the indigent case criteria and only have to pay the minimum deposit of \$25.00 but that is rare.

Manager Klerk said we have met with the City of Commerce and sent them plans for review and comment. We have not heard anything back yet. We also sent a draft of a water sales agreement and are waiting to hear back on that as well.

Engineer Leslie updated the Board on the Wheeler Cemetery Pump Station project and the inter-connection with Commerce. He stated that after speaking with Commerce and finding out that they have natural gas available, we were able to switch to a natural gas pump, use more local suppliers and save about \$24,000. Manager Klerk said the entire package is assembled and warranted through Patterson Pump.

Chairman Ehrhardt and Engineer Leslie said this will be a lot cleaner. Chairman Ehrhardt asked how far along we are. Engineer Leslie said as soon as he gets the information from the electrical engineer he can be done in three to four weeks.

Chairman Ehrhardt asked about the rate analysis. Finance Director Davis said Tim Grogg will be here in April and we are currently getting his information to him now.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Karen Johnson
Board Secretary