# JACKSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

## **MEETING MINUTES**

## September 9, 2010

Chairman Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present included Chairman Randall Pugh, Vice Chairman Dave Ehrhardt, Board Member Shade Storey, Board Member Narasimhulu Neelagaru, M.D. 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, and Board Secretary Karen Johnson. Visitors included Mark Beardsley with The Main Street News and JCWSA customers Jeff and Tori Murray.

Mr. Murray introduced himself and his wife. He stated the reason they asked to appear before the board was to discuss their dissatisfaction with the results of a billing dispute. Their billing dispute was over the amount of water used during the month of June. Mr. Murray gave several reasons why he felt they did not use that amount of water. Chairman Pugh explained the Water Authority's policy and stated the Authority has no choice but to stand by that policy and the meter test results. No adjustment was to be made to their bill.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Storey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 board meeting and the September 2, 2010 work session as presented.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Refund of 1999A Bonds

Chairman Pugh stated we have an opportunity to refinance the 1999A bonds and save the Authority approximately \$200,000. Attorney Smart had a resolution and said the resolution is to authorize moving forward with the refunding process; and another resolution would be necessary in the future for final approval of the refunding package.

Member Neelagaru made a motion to approve the resolution to start the process of the refunding of the 1999A bonds.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Neighborhood Water Line Policy

Chairman Pugh briefly went over the proposed Neighborhood Water Line Policy. He stated this policy would be for existing homes that do not have water service. Manager Klerk stated the only change from last week was the recommendation of Member Stringer to change the wording under Fire Protection in section (#7) to say "fire hydrant installations shall be determined using the Classifications set forth by the Insurance Service Office, Inc." rather than specify Class 6 property.

Member Story made a motion to approve the resolution for the neighborhood water line policy.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Pugh said there was a need for an Executive Session regarding potential litigation

Member Neelagaru made a motion to go into executive session at 6:40 pm

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

Member Story made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:50 pm

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

No action was taken.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

## Employee Recognition:

Our employee, Lisa Grainger, who is the Authority's Billing Supervisor under Finance Director Judy Davis, has been awarded "Level 1 Local Government Finance Officer" Certification by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens.

## **Board Request:**

Would like the chairman to consider appointing two members to a wastewater plant improvement committee to help give direction for future capital projects to incrementally improve the plant reliability and increase the MOWWTP permitted flows.

Chairman Pugh appointed Vice Chairman Ehrhardt and Member Stringer to the committee.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Karen Johnson Board Secretary