

**PIKE COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 16, 2011**

The Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority held its regular monthly meeting on November 16, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the boardroom of the Authority's Building at 94 Gwynn Street, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were: Tom Lacey, Chairman, presiding; Larry Lynch and Mark Whitley. Steve Brown and Tom Burnsed were not present.

Also present were: Donna Pearson, Office Administrator, Jonathan Mayfield, citizen and Yvonne Langford to record the minutes.

Mr. Lacey called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA**

Approval was given the agenda on a motion by Mr. Whitley and a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Lynch and a second by Mr. Whitley with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Whitley gave the financial report noting nothing of significance.

**MOTION**

Mr. Whitley made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Mr. Jonathan Mayfield – 22 Austin Drive

Mr. Mayfield raised the issue of the time of the meeting and the fact that Scott Huckaby was not present. He feels the board should meet at a time when people are not at work so they can attend if they wish and that Mr. Huckaby should be required to attend the meetings.

Mr. Mayfield addressed the issue of the quality of water that he has received since moving to the Brown Station location 3.5 years ago. When they had been there a year they started contacting Ms. Pearson regarding their concerns. Ms. Pearson has been very helpful and always responded to their concerns. He also said Mr. Huckaby has always been responsive to their complaints. This issue has reached the point that they are not able to do anything more for them. There has been a problem with the iron manganese content and a strong odor of chlorine. The water is so cloudy they do not drink it and he has the additional expense of purchasing drinking water. He gave a history of his complaints over the past two years. He also said his neighbor, Mr. Hall, has had the same issues. Mr. Hall was to attend the meeting but he works nights and is sleeping. He brought samples of the water and clothes that have been washed using the tap water.

Mr. Lynch said he had the same experiences with the water in the City of Zebulon and he had to have a filter put on his water system. The filter eliminated his problem. He still uses the filters even though the City of Zebulon resolved the issues they were having. It is not expensive. Mr. Mayfield said he and his wife have discussed a filter and it appears this is what they are going to have to do. They do not feel they should have to pay the additional money to filter the water when it is supposed to be filtered. He showed pictures of the inside of his dishwasher that was stained from the water. He was advised to use Iron-Out and that would take care of the stains.

Ms. Pearson said she feels the problems have been resolved. The Water Authority has made changes at the treatment facility. Recent tests have been fine. The most recent incident was created when they had to open the valve at Williamson. They do not intend to use that system again. If, for some unknown reason, they have to use their water they will require them to flush on their side before they open the valve. The new well will be going on line in the next few months. The new well site does not have a manganese issue.

Mr. Lacey said there are 30 miles of pipeline with the same water in all of the lines. There are some dead-end lines where there have been some problems. Every time there is a call Mr. Huckaby checks the lines that day. Some changes have been made to the system recently. These changes should alleviate the problems. The work was completed two weeks ago.

A lengthy discussion was held with Mr. Mayfield. The Authority assured him they were concerned about his problems but they feel the recent changes will take care of his issues. On question he said he had not had problems in the past two weeks. Ms. Pearson asked that he call if he has any problems because that is the only way to know whether or not the changes took care of his problems.

#### **USDA PROJECT**

Mr. Lacey said the building at the new well site is up and the plumbing and electricity are being completed. It is anticipated the site will be on-line by mid December. The plan is that this well will be the primary well because of the content of the water and treatment. This well produces more water than the Midway location. There is natural fluoride in the water.

Mr. Gore had questioned the amount paid for the dirt that was used for the new well. He called and said he had recalculated his figures and he was happy with the amount he received.

Mr. Huckaby said one of the neighbors stopped him and advised him there were some young people that have been visiting the area of the Midway Road facility. Discussion was held regarding whether or not a chain or gate should be put up at the location to keep people out. It was decided that the well site and treatment facility are fenced and they are not doing any damage. If you put up a chain or gate it will just call attention to the location. Mr. Lacey visited the site and asked the neighbors to call him if the situation changes.

**HIGHWAY 19 – WATER LINE BREAK**

Mr. Lacey said there was a water line break on Highway 19 across from the Deer Lake Subdivision. The break was caused due to improper installation. The City of Zebulon responded to the break and fixed the problem. Additionally, the City of Zebulon replaced the damaged fire hydrant. The new hydrant will cost less than the \$900 originally estimated. There will be installation charges.

Mr. Lynch asked if the Authority had an agreement with the City of Zebulon to make the repairs. Discussion was held and it was determined that it would be appropriate to have a formal arrangement with the City of Zebulon to respond to maintenance issues.

Mr. Lynch said he would like to have an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

**MOTION**

Mr. Whitley made a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**MOTION**

Mr. Whitley made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**MOTION**

Mr. Whitley made a motion to close the executive session and return to open session. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

**WATER SYSTEMS IN PIKE COUNTY**

Discussion was held regarding the advisability of combining all of the city and county water systems in Pike County. The consensus was that it would offer cost saving measures and would allow for a more efficient operation. Mr. Lynch will open discussions with the various water authorities and see if there is interest.

Mr. Lynch also suggested that consideration be given to requiring all subdivisions that exceed a certain number of houses be required to have a water tower included in their project.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Whitley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lynch, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

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Thomas M. Lacey – Chairman

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Yvonne M. Langford - Recorder