

PIKE COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 17, 2011

The Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority held its regular monthly meeting on August 17, 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; Steve Brown; Tom Burnsed and Mark Whitley.

Also present were: Donna Pearson, Office Administrator, Kurt McCord, Engineer with Carter and Sloope and Yvonne Langford to record the minutes.

Mr. Lacey called the meeting to order.

AGENDA

Mr. Lacey said the report from Mr. McCord needed to be moved up on the agenda to because he needs to leave as soon as he can.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda with the change as requested by Mr. Lacey. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Burnsed with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

MINUTES

Mr. Whitley said the minutes reflected that he was present and he did not attend that meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Whitley made a motion to table approval of the minutes pending the minutes being corrected. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Burnsed with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MOTION

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

ENGINEER – KURT McCORD

Mr. McCord said they have been notified the DOT will be making road improvements along Highway 41. There is a meeting in Barnesville to discuss what DOT is planning. C. W. Matthews has the contract for the improvements. The work primarily occurs in the median of the road. It is mostly involved with turning lanes. There may be some storm drainage work. Hopefully most of the Pike County water lines are far enough off the right of way to not be involved. The best thing for the Authority is to keep C. W. Matthews informed as to where the water lines are so they can plan around them. There is nothing that crosses the highway except at Shackelford Road. There is a meter pit at

New Hope which will definitely need to be avoided but it is probably far enough off the right of way not be involved.

Mr. McCord said he talked with Davidson Hydrant and Utility Services. Their contract for the well site started on August 15, 2011. The county did a good job on the grading and moving the dirt. Davidson said they are going to do the grassing even though that was not part of their contract. Mr. McCord reviewed the plans for the work and the progress. By their contract they will have until January 11, 2011 to complete the project. The USDA funds will expire on December 31, 2011. The funds were initially for five years and they have extended the project for two additional years. They may not be willing to extend beyond the end of the year. He will get with the contractor and see if they will be able to finish by the end of the year.

Mr. McCord said there is an outstanding invoice for Mid-Georgia for work on the casing extension work. The invoice was held because they did not install the appropriate well cap. The total invoice was \$2,000.00 with that part being approximately \$100. He talked with Davidson regarding what they would charge to put the cap on and just move forward. They said they would not charge to put on the slip-on flange. It would probably be a good idea to go ahead and let them do that and then pay Mid-Georgia less the amount for that particular part.

Mr. McCord said Mr. Huckaby had called attention to some issues regarding pump priming on some of the chemical feed pumps at the Midway Road well. Ms. Pearson said she contacted Sowega Chlorinators for a quoted but has not heard from them. She has received an e-mail from Mr. Huckaby advising the problem continues. Mr. McCord discussed the process of the pumping system and the way it should operate. He would hesitate to start changing pumps around when it appears to be a priming issue. The reason for that needs to be investigated. He recommended they diagnose the problem prior to taking any action. When he has visited the site the pumps were not set at the right levels. That was corrected. It was noted that some of the equipment is obsolete and is no longer being used. Discussion was held regarding the issues and the potential solutions. Mr. McCord suggested the Authority address the problem and make the repairs and not replace all of the equipment because that could be very expensive.

The Authority discussed whether or not there was routine maintenance of the equipment that might not have been done. Mr. McCord said that is possible and he suggested a maintenance plan be adopted. It is possible nothing has been done unless something broke. The members of the Authority discussed with Mr. McCord what should be done on a routine basis for preventive maintenance.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the issues with equipment and the current procedures. The cost of repairs was also discussed and it was thought that if there were some routine maintenance checks some of the repairs could be prevented. Mr. Brown suggested a routine maintenance schedule be set up for Mr. Huckaby.

USDA PROJECT

Mr. Lacey said all of the dirt has been moved by the county at the new well site. They have cleared the area where the dirt was removed. Mr. Lacey expressed appreciation to the county for doing a good job. Arrangements need to be made to pay Mr. Gore for the dirt.

FIRE HYDRANT

Mr. Lacey reported that on the corner of Highway 19 and Carver Road one of the fire hydrants was destroyed. It is on the DOT right of way. As far as it was off the road it was probably a mowing crew or an accident. He plans to check with law enforcement to see if there was an accident at that location. The hydrant will be replaced.

434 McKINLEY ROAD

Ms. Pearson said a man wants to build a house on McKinley Road. They do not have good wells in that area and he needs to connect to a water supply. He talked with the City of Zebulon and was advised that he would have to have permission from Pike County. The next door neighbor does have city water. Pike County does not have water at that location. Discussion was held and there was concern regarding the impact this will have regarding other locations with the same issue. Ms. Pearson said if the Authority does not approve this he will not be able to use his property. Discussion was held and it was decided that there was not enough information to make a decision. It was decided to hold further consideration until additional research could be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Whitley with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to add week-end water sampling to Mr. Huckaby's responsibilities. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Burnsed with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas M. Lacey – Chairman

Yvonne M. Langford - Recorder