

PIKE COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2011

The Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority held its regular monthly meeting on September 21, 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 Larry Lynch. Mr. Whitley was not present.

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

Mr. Lacey called the meeting to order. He welcomed Larry Lynch as a new member of the Authority.

AGENDA

Mr. Lacey said DOT needed to be included under old business.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Brown, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES – RICK LEWIS

Mr. Lacey said Mr. Lewis has property on Highway 19 and needed water service.

Mr. Lewis said his property is on McKinley Road, on the highly traveled dirt side. He provided the members of the Authority with a plat showing the property. They own a 9.5-acre tract. He purchased 5.45 acres from Mr. Coursey about 6 years ago intending to build a house. Since that time he purchased the additional property from United Bank. Originally the property was one tract. Mr. Coursey had given 4 acres to his nephew and there is a modular home on that property which Mr. Lewis now owns. The property was divided and he has kept the property as two tracts. This area is not good for well water. Mr. Kenway is next door and has water from the City of Zebulon. He tried to drill a well on several occasions and never found water. He wants to build a house on the property and is having the same issues with water service. The City of Zebulon has a water line right at his property and he contacted the City of Zebulon and was told that he would have to contact Pike County Water Authority. Mr. Lacey said the Pike Water Authority does not have water in that area.

Mr. Lewis said his plan is to sell the lot and house to his son and then he is going to build on the rear lot for himself. His son might want to tie onto the water also.

Discussion was held and Mr. Lacey said he does not feel it would negate the contract with the City of Zebulon to approve for the City to serve Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis's son can

apply if he is interested. Ms. Pearson said she will contact the City of Zebulon and find out what they need from the Pike County Water Authority to provide the service.

MOTION

Mr. Lynch made a motion to authorize a letter to the City of Zebulon as required to provide water service for Rick Lewis. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Brown with Mr. Brown, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

MINUTES

It was noted that the Authority needed to approve the minutes of both the July and August meetings.

Approval of the July minutes was not included on the agenda so the agenda needs to be amended to make that addition.

MOTION

Mr. Lynch made a motion to amend the agenda to include consideration for approval of the July minutes. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Brown with Mr. Brown, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to lift the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting from the table. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lynch with Mr. Brown, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lacey with Mr. Brown, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2011. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Lacey with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Lynch voting for the motion.

Mr. Burnsed arrived at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed in some detail for the benefit of the new member.

MOTION

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

CLEAR SPRINGS

Mr. Burnsed reviewed the history of the Clear Springs property. Discussion was held regarding the need to try to get an agreement if possible. There appears to be no activity at the location at the present time. A verbal commitment was made to allow the Pike County Water Authority to have all the excess water from the bottling operation. It was noted that this could potentially be a very valuable asset for the Authority. Mr. Burnsed will pursue this project.

USDA PROJECT

Ms. Pearson reported on the repairs that had to be made at the Midway well site. Discussion was held and the problems that occurred were probably due to their not being enough customers to keep the system working properly. Possible solutions were discussed. Ms. Pearson said the Authority is going to have to resolve an issue regarding the disposal of a drum of fluoride solution. It cannot be dumped on the ground because it is a hazardous substance. They have tried to find someone that could use it but have not been successful.

The slab has been poured at the new well site location. They want to let that set for a couple of weeks before adding the blocks. It appears they are on target to complete the project by the end of the year so the grant funds will still be available. The Authority needs to pay Mr. Gore for the dirt. The cost is \$1.50/ yard. Discussion was held regarding how many yards of dirt was used.

Mr. Lacey said Mr. Gore had complained that the fence was not replaced as it should have been. He has assured Mr. Gore that it will be repaired to his satisfaction prior to completion of the project.

Mr. Lacey said once the invoices are paid for everything due on this project except for the contract for the construction and the dirt from Mr. Gore there will be \$169,417 remaining in USDA grant funds. The contract for the construction with Mr. Davison is \$174,000. There is going to be a "short fall" of approximately \$8,000 which the Authority will have to fund. The Authority has funds available that can be used.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Lacey said at the last meeting it was decided that Mr. Huckaby would assume the responsibility for the week-end testing. However the Authority failed to approve an appropriate compensation for the additional responsibility. He has agreed to take on the additional responsibility for a \$100 per month increase in salary.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize an increase in salary of \$100 per month for Mr. Huckaby for the additional responsibility of week-end testing effective August 1, 2011.

Discussion was held regarding the policies in place for termination of an employee and whether or not there is an annual review policy. Ms. Pearson is going to review the

policies, do research regarding appropriate action and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

DOT

Mr. Burnsed reported that he had attended the DOT meeting regarding the rights of way for the installation of the turning lanes on Highway 41. It is not anticipated the Authority will have any problems regarding the water lines. He gave them a copy of the plans regarding the crossings so they will be able to locate the water lines.

ADJOURN

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

Thomas M. Lacey – Chairman

Yvonne M. Langford - Recorder