

PIKE COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 21, 2012

The Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority held its regular monthly meeting on November 21, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the boardroom of the Authority's Building at 94 Gwynn Street, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were: Tommy Burnsed, Chairman, presiding; Steve Brown; Larry Lynch, Tommy Powers and Mark Whitley.

Also present were: Donna Pearson, Office Administrator; Mike Phillips, County Manager, Scott Huckaby, Systems Operator, Ryan Landry, Middle Georgia Well, Kurt McCord engineer, Carter and Sloope and Yvonne Langford to record the minutes.

Mr. Burnsed called the meeting to order.

AGENDA

Mr. Burnsed said under personal appearances Ryan Landry from Middle Georgia Well and Kurt McCord, engineer with Carter and Sloope need to be added.

MOTION

Mr. Whitley made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Ryan Landry and Kurt McCord. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Brown with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Powers and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

MINUTES

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Whitley with Mr. Brown, Mr. Burnsed, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Powers and Mr. Whitley voting for the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Langford reviewed the financial report and identifying the reports that are available. There was nothing of significance to report.

MOTION

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

SHACKELFORD ROAD WELL

Mr. Huckaby reported on the Shackelford Road Well. There were some issues regarding the quality of the water and there had been complaints particularly regarding the sulfur odor. Mr. McCord had been consulted and they were working with him to resolve the issues. Mr. Huckaby advised that he was much more satisfied with the results of the current testing. Discussion was held regarding testing and whether or not additional equipment was needed. It was noted that at

the time this well location was under consideration the sulfur odor was identified and the Authority was assured that it was treatable.

Mr. McCord advised the Authority members that to resolve the issue might require equipment that will cost approximately \$80,000. He has the information regarding this issue because that was one of the things they considered but there were not enough USDA grant funds to include this equipment. The Authority was under pressure to get a second well site because the grant funds from the USDA had a date certain on which they would expire and there were no other locations identified that could be tested within the time frame. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the issue could possibly be solved without the expense as discussed. It was noted that the problem will have to be resolved in order to maintain customers and to be able to attract new customers. It was noted that at the current time the issue appears to be under control. There have been no complaints in the past week. As soon as the pump is back on line at the Midway location that well can be brought on-line and this will not be an issue. However, the problem needs to be resolved in order to be able to use both well sites.

MIDWAY ROAD WELL

Mr. Burnsed said Ryan Landry with Middle Georgia Well had arrived and he wanted to get a report from him so he could leave and they would continue the discussion regarding the Shackelford Road Well later. Mr. Burnsed said due to the failure of the pump at the Midway Road well site they had to use the Shackelford Road well as the major source before they were ready to use it exclusively.

Mr. Landry reviewed with the board the issues involved with the broken pump. There are fractures in the well. There was some type geological shift which caused the pump to fall. The well is 600' and the pump was set at 400'. The shift caused the pump to fall to the bottom. There is a rock at 229' which has to be removed in order to get to the pump. They had to have a crane to remove the rock in order to reach to the pump. The motor was struck by lightning which is covered by insurance. The Authority has a \$1,000 deductible and the balance should be covered by insurance. They anticipate being finished in about 10 days.

SHACKELFORD ROAD WELL (continued)

Mr. Huckaby said he feels the problems with the Shackelford Road well are under control at the current time. A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether or not this solution will resolve the issues long-term. Mr. Brown said this issue needs to be resolved so the Authority is assured the problem will not reoccur. Mr. McCord said he did not see a reasonable \$10,000 to \$20,000 investment resolving the issue. He felt it would be closer to \$100,000. Mr. Brown said he remembers the meeting where it was said this issue was solvable. The board voted based on the recommendation that this was solvable. The more expensive alternatives were discussed on the sulfur odor but they were told it could be treated; it could be handled. Mr. Brown said he is looking to Carter and Sloope on this issue because they told the Authority it was treatable. Mr. Burnsed asked Mr. McCord to discuss the issue with Carter and Sloope and bring information to the December meeting.

CUSTOMER INCENTIVES

Mr. Burnsed said with the well issues it is not a good time to start a program of incentives to bring customers on line. Ms. Pearson said there are approximately 75 current tap customers that are not tied on and 469 other potential customers. Mr. Lynch said the potential customers need to be separated by those with bored wells versus those with drilled wells. He went to the Health Department and they will identify those with the bored wells on a map because they are a better possibility for public water service. He was supposed to take them a map which he has not done.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Pearson said there is a free seminar regarding an update on new and existing federal and state requirements for public groundwater systems, update on stage 2 disinfection byproduct rule, changes to the operator certification requirements and update on federal groundwater rule on December 11, 2012 in Barnesville. She is available to attend and Mr. Huckaby will check to see whether or not he can attend. Two new customers have signed up for service and service restored to a house that had been vacant. One customer has been turned off due to nonpayment of her bill. She evidently has returned to well use. She owes approximately \$300 and she has been notified that if she does not make arrangements to pay the amount owed by December 1, 2012 legal action will be taken.

SYSTEM OPERATOR

Authority members reviewed the System Operator's log for the month of October 2012. Mr. Huckaby visits the Midway Road well site on a daily basis.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Lynch brought up the idea of the possibility of building a treatment plant rather than using wells. Mr. Burnsed said that was considered but it was not practical due to the expense involved.

ADJOURN

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

Tommy Burnsed – Chairman

Yvonne M. Langford - Recorder