

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Location: Walton County Historic Courthouse

** Board held Joint meeting with Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority ("WCWSA Board")

WCWSA Board Members Present: Brad Johnson (Chairman) Wendell Geiger
Ryan Smith (Vice Chairman) Shirlene Huff
Tommy Richardson

HLC Board Members Present: Kevin Little (Chairman) Jim Luke
Lee Bradford Jeff Benko
Mark Saxon Brad Johnson

Others Present: Bill Crowder Lee Becker Sarah Bell (filming)
Jimmy Parker Chip Ferguson Morris Jordan
Wayne Haynie Stuart Jeffcoat Ed Minchew
Teresa Crisp

1. **Review/Approval of HLCRMB May 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Approved on motion by J. Luke, second by B. Johnson, approved unanimously.
2. **WCWSA May 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**
3. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - J. Parker presented overview on construction budget reports for May, June and July 2016.
4. **Land Acquisition**
 - Nothing to report.
5. **Dam/Reservoir Construction** – J. Parker discussed the following:
 - **Current Reservoir Level: 681.75' MSL** (61.75' of water at dam, 847 acres of pool area) (currently 5.2 billion gallons of water out of 12 billion gallons at full pool). The reservoir has risen 9 inches since the last meeting despite below average rainfall.
 - Pictures were presented including reservoir, roads and dam.
 - Layne Heavy Civil is currently addressing punch list items pertaining to grassing and spot grading.
 - Presented for consideration was whether to authorize PPI to solicit bids for stream buffer fencing on the Clegg Farm. A motion to authorize PPI to solicit bids for

stream buffer fencing on the Clegg Farm (8,400 LF) was made by J. Luke, second by J. Benko, approved unanimously.

6. **Stream/Wetland Mitigation:**

- B. Crowder discussed mitigation site maintenance and repairs.

7. **Reservoir Recreation**

- J. Parker circulated draft public access and fishing regulations compiled from a review of other projects as well as summaries of the hours of operation of other projects. J. Parker asked for guidance as to how to proceed. After discussion, M. Saxon suggested that everyone review the draft and provide any comments to J. Parker.
- GaDNR recommends that the reservoir not be opened to public fishing for two years to allow for habitat and species stabilization. The consensus is to follow the GaDNR recommendations.
- J. Parker discussed the Phase II Improvements projected to cost \$300,000 and consisting of the following:
 - Asphalt paving for entrance road and travel lanes in parking area
 - Floating boat dock
 - Restroom facility, groundwater well, and septic system
 - Permit kiosk, security cameras, gate timers, and park signage/maps
 - Target completion date is August 2017

8. **Water Treatment and Transmission Facilities**

- Discussion of Water Treatment Facility 30% Preliminary Design Documents

9. **Apalachee River Intake** – J. Parker discussed the following:

- Preliminary geotech/soil borings complete.
- Property appraisal complete.
- Presented for consideration was a proposal from CH2M for preliminary engineering and hydraulic analysis for future Apalachee Raw Water Intake and Diversion Facility. A motion to approve the proposal as presented was made by J. Luke, second by M. Saxon, approved unanimously.

10. **Public Comment** – Lee Becker inquired about the nature of discussions with Morgan County and was told there were very preliminary discussions about the possibility of selling water to Morgan County and that there would be no action in the near future.

11. **Executive Session** - None

12. **Adjourn:** Board adjourned on motion by J. Benko, second by J. Luke, passed unanimously.