

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 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 Lester Middlebrooks
Judy McDaniel

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

Others Present: Bill Crowder Sarah Bell (filming) Jimmy Parker
Chip Ferguson Morris Jordan Wayne Haynie
John Caudill Chuck Horton Teresa Crisp
Doug Baughman Natalie Pifer

1. **Review/Approval of HLCRMB August 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Approved on motion by J. Luke, second by J. Benko, approved unanimously.
2. **WCWSA August 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**
3. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - J. Parker presented overview on construction budget reports for August, September and October 2016.
4. **Land Acquisition**
 - All parcels are now acquired.
5. **Dam/Reservoir Construction** – J. Parker discussed the following:
 - **Reservoir Level as of August 16, 2016: 681.75' MSL.**
 - **Reservoir Level as of November 4, 2016: 680.20' MSL** (Down 18 inches)
 - Layne Heavy Civil is currently addressing punch list items pertaining to grassing and spot grading.
 - Reservoir pictures were presented.
 - Presented for consideration was as award of contract for stream buffer fencing on the Clegg Farm (8,440 LF). A motion to award the contract to Roberts Fencing at

a cost not to exceed \$51,950 was made by L. Bradford, second by M. Saxon, approved unanimously.

6. **Reservoir Recreation**

- J. Parker provided an update on fish stocking activities. Fishing will likely be allowed in November of 2017.
- J. Parker circulated draft public access and fishing regulations compiled from a review of other projects as well as from comments from Board members. After discussion, it was decided that the regulations would be posted on the website as a draft.

7. **Stream/Wetland Mitigation:**

- A review was conducted of Mitigation Site Maintenance and Repairs at the Heritage Park site. Pictures were shown.
- The following proposals from Nelson Environmental for Mitigation and Biological Monitoring as required under the 404 permit were considered and acted upon:
 - 2017 Hard Labor Creek Biological Monitoring and Habitat Assessment – Approved unanimously on motion by J. Benko, second by B. Johnson at a cost not to exceed \$25,700.00.
 - Pleasant Valley Road Site Mitigation Monitoring (Year 7) – Approved unanimously on motion by J. Luke, second by J. Benko at a cost not to exceed \$28,086.03.
 - Rocky Branch Road Site Mitigation Monitoring (Year 7) – Approved unanimously on motion by M. Saxon, second by J. Luke at a cost not to exceed \$22,768.22.
 - Oconee Veterans Park Site Mitigation Monitoring (Year 7) – Approved unanimously on motion by J. Luke, second by J. Benko at a cost not to exceed \$28,063.65.
 - *A motion to authorize up to an additional \$500 on each of the Pleasant Valley Road, Rocky Branch Road and Oconee Veterans Park mitigation monitoring proposals if needed for client/agency coordination as described in the proposals was made by J. Benko, second by J. Luke, and approved unanimously.
 - Apalachee River Site Mitigation Monitoring (Year 7) – Approved unanimously on a motion by M. Saxon, second by B. Johnson at a cost not to exceed \$34,876.37 plus up to an additional \$500 if needed for client/agency coordination as described in the proposal.

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

- A land acquisition meeting was held with affected property owners on October 20, 2016.
- A review was conducted of the Project Schedule for the Apalachee Raw Water Intake Facility. Pictures of the conceptual design were shown.
- Presented for consideration was the authorization of the Land Acquisition Committee to conduct negotiation for land acquisition associated with the

Apalachee River Intake. A motion to authorize the Land Acquisition Committee made of Chairman Little, Vice Chairman Luke and WCWSA Chairman Johnson to conduct said negotiations was made by J. Benko, second by M. Saxon, approved unanimously.

- Presented for consideration was a proposal from CH2M for design of the Apalachee River Intake. A motion to accept the proposal at a cost not to exceed \$240,101.00 subject to legal review of the proposal was made by B. Johnson, second by T. Shelnett, approved unanimously.
- Presented for consideration was a proposal from Golder Associates for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the raw water intake facility. A motion to accept the proposal at a cost not to exceed \$55,573 was made by M. Saxon, second by B. Johnson, approved unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- On a motion by J. Benko and a second by T. Shelnett, it was approved unanimously to table the nomination and election of officers of the HLCRMB until the next meeting in February of 2017.
- J. Parker discussed Homer Wood's request for additional ditch grading on Cedar Pointe Drive at the base of his existing dam. No action was taken.

10. **Public Comment** – Sarah Bell asked about the purpose of the Apalachee River Intake. It was explained to her that the river would supplement the available water.

11. **Executive Session**

- The Board entered Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. to discuss land acquisition (motion by J. Luke, second by L. Bradford, approved unanimously).
- The Board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session at 2:36 p.m. (motion by J. Benko, second by B. Johnson, approved unanimously).
- No decisions were made in Executive Session (see affidavit included with these minutes).

12. **Adjourn:** Board adjourned on motion by M. Saxon, second by B. Johnson, passed unanimously.