

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017

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) Tommy Richardson
Lester Middlebrooks

HLC Board Members Present: Kevin Little (Chairman) Jeff Benko
Mark Saxon Brad Johnson
Timmy Shelnett Chuck Horton

Others Present: Bill Crowder Sarah Bell (filming) Jimmy Parker
Chip Ferguson John Caudill Neal Jackson
Rob Goss

1. **Review/Approval of HLCRMB November 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Approved on motion by M. Saxon, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously.
2. **WCWSA November 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**
3. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - J. Parker presented overview on construction budget reports for November 2016, December 2016 and January 2017. The report was unanimously approved as presented on motion by M. Saxon, second by C. Horton.
 - J. Benko led a discussion on the process for funding operations and maintenance expenses of the project. A motion to adopt the process for payment for operations and maintenance expenses for Hard Labor Creek set forth in Linda Hanna's February 22, 2017 memorandum was made by M. Saxon, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously.
4. **Dam/Reservoir Filling** – J. Parker discussed the following:
 - The reservoir currently has 7.8 billion gallons of water, 65% full by volume.
 - Layne Heavy Civil is currently addressing punch list items pertaining to grassing and spot grading.
 - Schnabel's Project Completion Letter was submitted to Georgia Safe Dams on January 5, 2017.
 - Georgia Safe Dams staff will conduct a "Routine Quality Assurance Inspection" of the dam on March 1, 2017
 - Rainfall data was presented.

- New aerial photos were shown.

5. **Reservoir Recreation**

- J. Parker led a discussion on the public access/recreation area preliminary design. It was suggested that the entire lot at the recreation area be paved. A picture of a sample payment kiosk was shown. Guidance was sought on the design of the restroom and the consensus was to use long-lasting and low maintenance materials.
- J. Parker led a discussion of site security/monitoring ideas.
- J. Parker led a discussion of annual and daily permit/usage fees. Examples were given of fees at similar facilities. The consensus was to have a flat fee per car with an annual pass option.

6. **Stream/Wetland Mitigation:**

- The following reports were discussed:
 - 2016 Annual Report for Hard Labor Creek Flow, Water Quality and Biological Monitoring (Submitted to USACOE on February 10, 2017).
 - 2016 Annual Report for Walton County Stream Buffer Protection (Submitted to USACOE on February 10, 2017).
 - Year 5 Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Heritage Park Mitigation Site (Submitted to USACOE on January 20, 2017).
 - Year 6 Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Pleasant Valley Road, Rocky Branch LAS, Oconee Veterans Park and Apalachee River Mitigation Sites (Submitted to USACOE on January 20, 2017).

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

- A land acquisition meeting was held with the Presley family on February 9, 2017.
- A review was conducted of the Project Schedule for the Apalachee Raw Water Intake Facility. Pictures of the conceptual design were shown.

8. **Other Business**

- On a motion by C. Horton and a second by J. Benko, M. Saxon was unanimously elected as Chair of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board for 2017. On a motion by T. Shelnett and a second by J. Benko, K. Little was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board for 2017.
- J. Parker reported that the 2013 Kubota 400 RTV was no longer needed for the project. The consensus was to sell it to Walton County for the fair market value.

9. **Public Comment** – None

10. **Executive Session**

- The Board entered Executive Session at 1:58 p.m. to discuss land acquisition and potential litigation (motion by J. Benko, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously).

- The Board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session (motion by J. Benko, second by M. Saxon, approved unanimously).
- No decisions were made in Executive Session (see affidavit included with these minutes).

J. Benko made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing condemnation of a portion of the Presley property for the Apalachee River Intake, second by C. Horton, passed unanimously.

11. **Adjourn:** Board adjourned on motion by C. Horton, second by M. Saxon, passed unanimously.