

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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
Lester Middlebrooks Shirlene Huff
Tommy Richardson

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

Others Present: Jimmy Parker Chip Ferguson
Diane Baggett Sarah Bell (filming)
Neal Jackson Lee Becker (filming)
Cosby Woodruff Liz Marchant
Bob Summers Brenda Patrick
Jack Cooper Loren Moores
Vicki Souter Jack Rice
David Jackson Kathryn Land
Wayne Parks Sue Gill
Jim Gill Cumby Hammock-Cobb
Shannan Contic Marlena Meadows
T. Scott Meadows Randy Reed
Mike Conrads Amy Hickox
David Hickox Jim Luke
Sarah Wibell Naomi Aleff
Deborah Jackson Maria Caudill
John Caudill Jamie Wasilenko
Gina Reed Troy Heidesch
Monica Heidesch Debra Plunkett
Andy Malcom Richard Hawk
David Thompson Mickey Langford
John Daniell Ed Snell

1. **Review/Approval of HLCRMB Meeting Agenda.** Agenda modified to move public comment to end of meeting and to postpone consideration of an amendment to the CH2M Hill contract and Golder & Associates proposal to a later date. Agenda approved as amended on motion by K. Little, second by J. Kirouac, approved unanimously.

2. **Review/Approval of WCWSA Meeting Agenda.**
3. **Review/Approval of HLCRMB March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes.** Approved on motion by C. Horton, second by K. Little, approved unanimously.
4. **WCWSA March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**
5. **Project Financing/Budget:**
 - J. Parker presented Construction Budget Report for January-March 2018.
 - FY 2019 Construction Budget considered and approved on motion by J. Kirouac, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously.
6. **Dam and Reservoir Management:**
 - Reservoir level is 698.75 MSL.
 - Work authorization with J&M Systems LLC for Dam Site Mowing, Fence Line Trimming, Herbicide Application and Permanent Stabilization at a cost not to exceed \$10,502.50 approved on motion by K. Little, second by B. Johnson, approved unanimously.
7. **Reservoir Recreation:**
 - Restroom Facility/Permit Kiosk: 99% Complete
 - Revenue Report:
 - 146 Annual Passes Purchased: \$9,240.00
 - Daily Permit Revenue: \$7,685.53
 - Total Revenue: \$16,925.53
8. **Other Business:**
 - Discussion of Acquisition of Maintenance/Rescue Boat
 - Motion to table decision until future meeting by K. Little, second by C.Horton, approved unanimously.
9. **Apalachee River Intake:**
 - USACE Public Comment Period expired on March 22, 2018.
 - Public Comments received will be forwarded to the WCWSA for review and response.
 - No definitive schedule has been established for final action by the USACE.
 - Discussion of public meetings held on April 11, 12 and 13 to present additional information on the proposed Apalachee River Intake Facility, address questions from concerned citizens and tour the Middle Oconee River Intake Pump Station.
 - J. Parker made presentation pertaining to history of project and the proposed Apalachee River intake.

10. **Public Comment:**

- Ed Snell – Believes there are flaws in the presentation, all of the studies are outdated and the reservoir by itself will provide adequate water. Also believes population projections were false.
- Jack Rice – Opposed to intake in Morgan County. Interest in piping plans. Concerned about impact of blasting on wells. Wonders if there are Walton County sources that can be explored.
- Wayne Parks – Agrees with everything said. Concerned about impact on property values. Will compromise way of life. Concerned about what will happen with surplus land being purchase. Believes the landfills are sucking water from the river. Believe river needs to flow.
- Vickie Souter – Believes decisions need to be made based on updated data. Wants the permit to expire.
- Loren Moores – Owns property across from proposed sited. Needs current 7Q10 study. Can take $\frac{3}{4}$ of the river flow.
- Ed Snell – Permit can be revoked for any material false statements. Believes original population and flows and other available water were materially misstated. Permit is based on a shaky foundation. Don't spend money based on something that might get revoked or revised.
- Brenda Patrick – Concerned about noise issues
- Bob Summers – Lives in Morgan County. Also owns property in Walton County. The facility does not match the residential area.
- Monica Heidesch – Originally from Miami. Loves the area. Daughter swims in river. Concerned about safety. Worried about use of remaining 200 acres. Get new information.
- Jack Cooper – Lives at Apalachee Point. Against the impact. Bracewell's are already holding water back and eroding the river banks.
- Ed Snell – River flows and available water supplies are wrong. Wants to work collaboratively but no choice but to be confrontational.
- Naomi Aleff – Apalachee River corridor needs to be protected. Morgan County has had very little to say about all of this.
- Kathryn Land - Lives in Morgan County. The road will border her fence line. How will she benefit? Concerned about noise. Listens to rock quarry already. Worried about safety in river when pumps are turned on.
- David Jackson – Board members should be ashamed for not going to Morgan County first.
- Mike Conrad – If this goes through, would Board put in writing that the remaining property would stay agricultural.
- Saxon, Horton and Little apologized and explained Board's position on why they assumed Morgan County would be fine with the location because Morgan County has expressed an interest in buying water.
- Jamie Wasilenko – Wants assurances that wells will be fixed. Why build now, why not wait?

11. **Executive Session**
 - The Board entered Executive Session at 2:21 p.m. to discuss land acquisition (motion by C. Horton, second by T. Shelnut, approved unanimously).
 - The Board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session at 3:08 p.m. (motion by J. Kirouac, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously).
 - No decisions were made in Executive Session (see affidavit included with these minutes).

12. **Adjourn:** Board adjourned on motion by K. Little, second by C. Horton, approved unanimously.

13. **Next Regular Meeting Date: July 17, 2018**