

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: August 12, 2021
HENRY COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

A regular meeting of the Henry County Water Authority Board was held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the Authority's Administrative Campus, Engineering Conference Room, located at 100 Westridge Industrial Blvd., McDonough, GA. Chair Cletonya Stidom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present: Cletonya Stidom, Jimmy Carter, Sandra Rozier, Warren Holder, Siddiqa Gibson and Fred Mays

The following Authority staff and consultants were present:

Lindy D. Farmer, Jr., General Manager	Andy Welch, Smith, Welch Webb & White
Tony Carnell, Deputy Manager	Roderick Burch, CFO
Scott Sage, Division Mgr., Eng.	Jeremy Newell, AMI/Field Services Manager
Scott Harrison, Div. Mgr. Operations	Keith Hyde, AMI Supervisor
Allen Rape, Div. Mgr., Customer Support Svcs.	
Karen Lake-Thompson, Sr. Admin. Assistant	

II. VISITORS NONE

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mrs. Stidom presented the Agenda for approval by the Board. There were no amendments, and motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Holder to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion carried (6-0).

IV. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Welch had no matters to report.

V. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Presentation: Overview of AMI System. The Authority's AMI/Field Services Manager, Jeremy Newell and Keith Hyde, AMI Supervisor presented an overview of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) from its inception in 1968 to 2021. The presentation highlighted technological advancements where meters can be turned on/off at a moment's notice from the office, which has resulted in overall savings of over \$634,000 and 65% reduction in truck stops, gas and work hours. The AMI technology has also resulted in improved customer satisfaction, increased billing efficiency, as well as improved asset management. Mr. Farmer also noted that the Authority was the first water utility in Georgia to fully implement radio read technology, way ahead of MNGWPD

required 2030 goal. Future possibilities of AMI technology were also covered. The AMI change out program is now 50% completed.

VI. PROJECTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

The following projects were reported to be within Authority policy by Mr. Farmer, and were recommended for Board approval:

New Projects:

ADMIN 3756 Sewer Maintenance Facility Site Evaluation
EXT1229A 1205 & 1255 Rocky Creek Road WL Ext
EXT3755 732 North Ola Road Water Line Ext

Motion to approve new projects was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Rozier. The motion carried (6-0).

Developer Projects:

DEV3685 Declaration Phase II Crow Holdings
DEV3740 Mount Carmel Subdivision

Motion to approve developer projects was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Rozier. The motion carried (6-0).

Budget Adjustments:

EXT2911A Walnut Creek WRF Expansion Design
EXT3708 Emson Village Sewerline Acquisition

Mr. Carnell answered questions regarding the budget adjustment. There being no further discussions, motion to approve budget adjustments was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Gibson. The motion carried (6-0).

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Board were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Mays. The motion carried (6-0).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Stidom stated that due to the rise in COVID cases in Henry County the wearing of masks will be mandatory at all future Board meetings. Mr. Farmer stated the October Board meeting will be conducted as a mini-work session to be held at Walnut Creek. Mr. Carter recommended training from Carl Vinson Institute be included as part of the October meeting. Mrs.

Gibson commented on possible virtual options for Carl Vinson training due to the rise in COVID cases. Mr. Farmer announced the postponement of the upcoming Girl Scouts event (Mrs. Gibson sponsorship), in addition Mr. Farmer stated that the annual Cubihatcha Kids field trips have been cancelled as well. Mrs. Rozier thanked Mr. Farmer, Mr. Carnell and Authority staff for hosting an outstanding “*Game On Junior Commissioners*” event on July 26 at the award winning Tussahaw Water Plant. All of the students were grateful for the VIP experience and the exceptional opportunity to tour the facility, hands-on learning at the lab, and to learn about all of the STEM focused career opportunities offered at the Authority. Mrs. Rozier also recognized Mr. Harrison’s leadership and his volunteer work with Henry County Chamber of Commerce back-to-school fundraiser. Mrs. Rozier also recognized and thanked HCWA staff and Authority “Mascot” for being a part of Commissioner Thomas’ “*4 a Better Me Expo*” which provided community resources to local families in need as well as employment opportunities here in Henry County.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:48am. The motion carried (6-0) and the meeting was adjourned.

Cletonya Stidom, Chair

Minutes Taken By: Karen Lake-Thompson