

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: June 9, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
HENRY COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

A regular meeting of the Henry County Water Authority Board, duly advertised, was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Authority's Administrative offices located at 1695 Highway 20 West, McDonough, GA. Mr. James C. Carter, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following members were present: James C. Carter, Jr., Carlotta Harrell, Mike Barr and Rick Jeffares.

The following Authority staff and consultants were present:

Lindy D. Farmer, Jr., General Manager
Tony V. Carnell, Deputy Manager
Kim Osborne, Clerk
Roderick Burch, CFO, Division Manager
Scott Sage, Division Manager, Engineering
Pat Hembree, Division Manager, Water & Wastewater
Scott Harrison, Division Manager, Operations
Claudia Cooper, Employee Development Coordinator
Brian Strickland, Smith, Welch, Webb & White

II. VISITORS None

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Carter presented the Agenda for approval. There were no amendments and a Motion was made by Mr. Jeffares and seconded by Mr. Barr to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

IV. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Brian Strickland presented for the Board's approval the Intergovernmental Agreement between Henry County and the Henry County Water Authority for the construction of the Fairview and Airport Sewer Service Projects. He advised that the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 15-145 approving the agreement on May 5, 2015. Mr. Carter opened the floor for questions and further discussion. There was none and a motion was made by Mr. Jeffares which was seconded by Mrs. Harrell to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement, as Authority Resolution No. 2015-03, and to authorize the Chairman to execute same. The motion carried (4-0).

V. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Burch presented for the Board's approval the Authority's proposed budget for FY 2016 with total expenditures of \$61,809,991, which was reviewed and discussed in detail during the

Board's work session meeting on May 4, 2015. He advised that since those discussions, one item has come under review, concerning the revenue the Authority receives from the collection of the 2 mil tax on motor vehicle tag renewals. Mr. Burch advised that the Georgia Assembly last year passed the Title Ad Valorem Tax and since that time the Henry County Tax Commissioner has continued to collect 2 mil tax on both the TAVT and vehicle license tag renewals. Those collections were remitted to the Authority until recently when a question arose concerning whether the Authority is entitled to receive 2 mils on the TAVT. At this time, the Tax Commissioner has stopped remitting to the Authority collections on the TAVT and the question is currently under review by the Authority's counsel. Depending on the outcome, revenues generated from these collections could be revised from the figure currently reflected in the FY 2016 budget. There being no additional discussion, and upon Mr. Burch's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Barr and seconded by Mrs. Harrell to approve and adopt the budget as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Harrison presented to the Board a list of vehicles and equipment recommended for surplus on the www.govdeals.com website. As justification for the recommendation, Mr. Harrison advised that the equipment/vehicles are in poor condition, have mechanical issues or high mileage. Mr. Carter opened the floor for further discussion. There was none and a Motion was made by Mrs. Harrell and seconded by Mr. Barr to authorize the surplus of the vehicles as requested. All members voted in favor and the motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Farmer addressed the Board concerning River Road, and reported that the Board of Commissioners has approved the road closure. He also emphasized that the road will not be abandoned and can be reopened in the future if necessary. The Authority will provide materials for the construction of a cul-de-sac at both ends, and will pay for fencing cost. Tony Carnell is working with Terry McMickle to obtain a cost schedule.

Mr. Farmer advised the Board of public safety concerns due to people diving from the Peeksville Road/Tussahaw Reservoir Bridge. He advised that he has discussed these concerns with Chairman Tommy Smith and county staff, and that a fence barrier is being proposed to protect public safety. Terry McMickle has provided GDOT specifications for fence placement on the bridge which are currently under review by Authority staff. The cost of the fencing will be split between the Authority and Henry County.

Mr. Farmer advised that Authority staff has begun to plan for adult and youth deer and water fowl hunting events for this year. These events are encouraged and supported by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The Authority received positive feedback from citizens following last year's events.

Dr. Chris Wood was not in attendance, however, a written media relations report was provided.

VI. PROJECTS

Mr. Carter opened the floor for discussion of proposed projects and adjustments a list of which was included in the Board’s agenda packet. The following projects were presented for approval:

WATDIST3129A	East Henry Elevated Storage Tank Design
HCDOT3473	Scott Blvd W/L Relocation
HCDOT3453	John Elliott Road W/L Relocation
SPLOST3409	Frog Road
SR2892	Big Cotton Indian Creek Pump Station Upgrade
MTRUPG3487	Cycle 4 Route 411 Meter Change out

Mr. Farmer advised that the projects are in compliance with Authority policy and recommended the Board take action to approve them. Motion was then made by Mrs. Harrell and seconded by Mr. Barr to approve the projects as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Burch presented a budget adjustment for leak repairs to the Administrative Building. Motion was made by Mr. Jeffares and seconded by Mrs. Harrell to approve the budget adjustment as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and Work Session

Mr. Carter opened the floor for discussion and approval of the minutes of the Authority’s regular meeting and work session conducted on May 4, 2015. There were no revisions and a Motion was made by Mr. Jeffares and seconded by Mr. Barr to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried (4-0).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carter referred to the 12-Month Focus Areas for the Authority’s Board presented during the Board’s May meeting. He requested that each member review these focus areas and prepare for further discussion in July.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION No Executive Session was held.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Barr and seconded by Mrs. Harrell to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 a.m. The motion carried (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned.

James C. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Kimberly Turner Osborne, Clerk