

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: March 14, 2019
HENRY COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

I. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

A regular meeting of the Henry County Water Authority Board, duly advertised, was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 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, Warren Holder and Cletonya Stidom. Mr. Carter noted that Mrs. Poole is not in attendance today due to a death in her family. Please keep her family in prayer. Mr. Carter also noted that Mrs. Harrell is recovering from surgery, and he expressed appreciation for her attendance today.

The following Authority staff and consultants were present:

Lindy D. Farmer, Jr., General Manager	Pat Hembree, Div. Mgr., Water & Wastewater
Tony Carnell, Deputy Manager	Scott Harrison, Div. Mgr., Operations
Kim Osborne, Clerk	Bill Banks, CIP Coordinator
Roderick Burch, CFO, Division Manager	Ken Presley, Reservoir Manager
Scott Sage, Division Manager, Engineering	Chris Wood, JWA

II. VISITORS Mr. Harold Thibodeaux

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Carter presented the Agenda for approval by the Board. There were no amendments, and motion was made by Mrs. Stidom and seconded by Mrs. Harrell to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

IV. REPORT OF ATTORNEY Mr. Welch discussed the amendment to the Authority's Reservoir Buffer Ordinance. (See Report of General Manager)

V. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

➤ **Update/Stormwater Fee Credits Request**

Mr. Carter advised that there have been ongoing discussions for many years concerning the Authority's request for stormwater fee credits on some of its facilities. He noted that this matter was discussed recently at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners. However, no action was taken and the matter was tabled. Mr. Carter advised that he was disappointed in those discussions because he felt that the facts presented were inaccurate. He noted that it has always been the Authority's goal to maintain a good partnership with the Henry County BOC and its departments. Mr. Carter felt it important to offer to address the Board of Commissioners to present the Authority's information on the matter. He also suggested that a joint meeting would be beneficial. Mr. Farmer concurred and advised that the Authority's efforts have been well-documented by staff.

Mr. Carnell advised that the Authority's staff has evaluated all of the Authority's properties for credits in accordance with the Stormwater Fee Credit Manual. He noted that County staff has also recommended the Authority be exempt for certain facilities. Mr. Farmer advised that the Authority is in agreement concerning the payment of stormwater fees on its main campus. It was Mrs. Harrell's opinion that the Authority should move forward to pay those fees. It was a consensus of the Board that a presentation be made to the Board of Commissioners and that Mr. Farmer make a formal request to be placed on the BOC agenda for April 2, 2019.

➤ **Amendment to Reservoir Buffer Ordinance**

Mr. Welch discussed the history of the Authority's Reservoir Buffer Ordinance which allows property owners limited reservoir access from their adjoining properties for fishing/passive use. He discussed a proposed amendment to the ordinance to provide for stricter requirements for reservoir buffer access; as well as the inclusion of an indemnification clause. After discussion, the Board suggested some additional revisions and tabled the matter for further discussion at its next meeting.

➤ **Discussion of May Board Meeting & Work Session**

Mr. Farmer addressed the Board concerning the Board's May meeting. He advised that the Board concurrently holds its annual strategic planning session at this meeting. He stated that staff is working on several presentations to be discussed during this meeting, and advised that additional time is needed to prepare. He requested the Board consider rescheduling its May meeting for either May 16th or May 23rd. Following discussion by the Board, it was a consensus that the meeting be rescheduled for Thursday, May 16th at 8:00 a.m. at the Tussahaw Water Treatment facility, pending confirmation from Ms. Poole concerning her availability. Mr. Carter noted that the agenda for this meeting will be finalized during the Board's April meeting.

➤ **Wood Duck Conservation Day – Cubihatcha Outdoor Center**

This presentation was tabled for a later meeting.

➤ **Public Relations Report**

Dr. Chris Wood distributed a public relations report and media coverage clip file and reported to the Board concerning current and upcoming events.

VI. PROJECTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

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

New Projects:	MTRUPG3572A	Highway 81 West AMI Base Station
	EXT3605B	Highway 20/81 & Medical Blvd. SS Rehab

Developer Projects: DEV3630 Winding Creek Subdivision

Budget Adjustments: None

Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mrs. Harrell to approve the projects as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes of the February 14, 2019 regular meeting of the Board were approved on motion made by Mrs. Harrell and seconded by Mrs. Stidom. The motion carried (4-0).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS NONE

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Harrell and seconded by Mr. Holder to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion carried (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned.

James C. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Kimberly Turner Osborne, Clerk