

ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
January 11, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Hart-Morris Conservation Center, located at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, with the following members present, to-wit:

Ed Gatlin, Vice President
Milburn Chaney, Board Member
Frank Lunceford, Board Member

Board members absent: Mike Peek, President; Don Foster, Secretary

others present: Bill Casey, AMWA Executive Director; Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney; Corey Frentress, Velvin & Weeks; Beth McConnell, AMWA Office Manager;

guests of note: Jerry Don Vaught, City of Athens; Ed McCain, City of Athens; Gary Whittle, City of Athens; Lawrence Cutrone, City of Athens; Mike Finney, City of Athens; Ryan Adams, City of Athens; David Thomas, AMWA Board Member 2014-16; Lisa Denton, Athens Economic Development Corporation

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted to wit:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Vice-President Gatlin.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest declared.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Mr. Dorian Reeder of the Lake Athens Property Owners Association, spoke regarding LAPOA's educational meeting with Dr. Richard Ott of Texas Parks & Wildlife. This meeting is for LAPOA members on February 18, at 6:30 PM at the Fisheries Center. The Authority's Board and staff are invited.

Mr. Todd Garret reiterated Mr. Reeder's statements.

Ms. Lisa Denton of the Athens Economic Development Corporation gave an update on the skilled nursing center facility that AMWA constructed a sewer line for. New plans have been submitted to the City and financing has been secured.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Lunceford and seconded by Director Chaney to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting, as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Gatlin presented the financial statements.

Director Gatlin presented the monthly bills for payment. A motion was made by Director Chaney and seconded by Director Lunceford for payment of those bills. This motion carried unanimously.

Director Gatlin presented the Quarterly Investment Report, as prepared by Executive Director Casey and presented to the Board in their monthly packet.

DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF REGARDING THE ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT TO THE LAKE ATHENS SERVICE FEE STRUCTURE

Executive Director Casey informed the Board that Lake Athens residents' service fees have remained the same since 2012. Presented was a table outlining the adjusted fees, when increased by the CPI index rate. Executive Director Casey asked the Board to make recommendations to staff, if they would like to examine other fee changes, for a vote at the February meeting.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TCEQ AND FUTURE OPERATIONS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Executive Director Casey gave an update regarding the discussion with TCEQ and who will be fined for violations at the water treatment plant. After speaking with a TCEQ lawyer, on multiple occasions, they are unable to provide many answers AMWA needs in writing. Additionally, the answers that are provided verbally do not align with the contract that the Authority has with the City of Athens.

DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CASEY AND LEGAL COUNSEL MARINT BENNETT TO ENGAGE LEGAL FIRMS IN THE AUSTIN AREA, TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH TCEQ, REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPERATIONS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

A motion was made by Director Lunceford and seconded by Director Chaney for Martin Bennett to reach out to legal firms in the Austin area, to explore solutions regarding the violations/fines/responsibilities of AMWA in the eyes of TCEQ and for TCEQ to recognize that AMWA does not operate and cannot be responsible for violations at the water treatment plant.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Casey gave an update on the construction progress of the AMWA headquarters building, and an update on the police department.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Corey Frentress, of Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, let the Board know that the dam toe drain project is still on schedule to begin this month.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Chaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8th day of February 2017.

Mike Peek, President

ATTEST:

Donald A. Foster, Secretary