

**ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY**  
**May 10, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Athens Municipal Water Authority Headquarters, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mike Peek, President  
Ed Gatlin, Vice President  
Don Foster, Secretary  
Milburn Chaney, Board Member

absent: Frank Lunceford, Board Member

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

guests of note: Mike Finney, City of Athens; Ryan Adams, City of Athens; Steve Sparkman, former President, AMWA

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by President Peek.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest declared.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN**

Mr. Mark Carroll of the P A Taylor subdivision expressed concern regarding the process of permitting vegetation removal.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, and seconded by Director Chaney to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular Session, and May 4, 2017 Special Session Board Meetings, 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 Foster for payment of those bills. This motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS AND ACT UPON REQUEST FOR 15' X 1125' UTILITY EASEMENT IN D. CHERRY SURVEY (T. POTTHOFF)**

Mr. Tom Potthoff presented a proposal requested AMWA grant a 15' utility easement on property near the spillway. Mr. Potthoff explained that he would like this easement, in case he decides to develop or sell to developers in the future, to protect some old and large trees on his property. Mr. Potthoff also would grant AMWA a permanent easement to AMWA, through his property to access the dam and spillway properties, in the eventuality that TCEQ will no longer allow motor vehicles on the earthen dam (which is how AMWA accesses these properties currently).

Counsel Bennett, explained that AMWA would need to declare the section of the property requested for the easement as excess, in order to grant an easement. He suggested that Mr. Potthoff research whether the utility companies would run utilities through a long term lease.

No further action was taken.

#### **UPDATE ON RAW WATER INTAKE EASEMENT**

Executive Director Casey informed the Board that Mr. and Mrs. Vrij will make a decision in the coming weeks, in regards to their renovations having been constructed over the water intake pipes. Executive Director Casey also explained that he may call a Special Session, once that decision is made, so that the Vrij's construction is not held up any longer.

#### **DISCUSS AND ACT UPON VARIANCE REQUEST TO RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING LAKE ATHENS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 1, SIZE OF A PIER OR BOATHOUSE**

Kevin Sutherlin, homeowner at P A Taylor Lot 39, requested a size variance of 9% for a new boathouse. A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Gatlin, to approve the variance request. This motion carried unanimously.

Greg & Rebecca Hisey, homeowners at P A Taylor Lot 38, requested a size variance in order to park a second boat under cover. A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to approve the variance request. This motion carried unanimously.

#### **DISCUSS/RECOMMEND REVISIONS FOR RENEAL OF THE RAW WATER CONTRACT WITH LAKE ATHENS PARTNERS, LLC**

Executive Director Casey explained that Mr. Scott Griffith, managing partner of Lake Athens Partners, was requesting that he be able to build five total boathouses, on the golf course property (two have already been erected). Executive Director Casey stated that currently, Lake Athens Partners has one ingress/egress permit for 500' or more. This would allow them to only construct one boathouse. Since Lake Athens Partners is sub-dividing the whole piece of property into 5 lots with 500' of frontage each, this would allow them to construct up to five boathouses and be additional revenue for AMWA.

No decisions were made at this time, as the current contract with Lake Athens Partners is not due to expire until July 1, 2017.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Casey gave his Executive Director and Chief of Police reports.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Corey Frentress, of Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, gave an update regarding the dam maintenance and toe drain project.

Mr. Frentress also explained change order #2 from Morrow Construction. The original dirt work and concrete contract for the headquarters facility, contained nearly \$6,500 work of grass seed and erosion blankets. However, he feels that the best option to seed grass to prevent erosion is to lay sod. The change order is to approve the \$4,080 difference between seeding and sod.

A motion was made by Director Foster, seconded by Director Chaney, to accept change order #2 from Morrow Construction. This motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Foster to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2017.**

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Mike Peek, President

ATTEST:

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Donald A. Foster, Secretary

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