

**ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 13, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 8:00 a.m. in the Hart-Morris Conservation Center of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center with the following members present, to-wit:

Stephen R. Sparkman, President  
Ed Gatlin  
Mike Peek

Bill Casey, Interim Executive Director  
Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney

others present: Tyler Hendrickson, Corey Frentress, and Heidi Harris;

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Director Sparkman.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No action was taken.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by President Sparkman to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approval of the April 8, 2015 Regular Session minutes and approval of the Payment of Monthly Statements. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee reports were given as follows:

- a. **Lake Athens:** President Sparkman reported on the status of Lake Athens following the recent onslaught of rain. He presented a brief synopsis of plans to repair the dam at Athens Fish & Game Lake (AF&GL) which experienced damage. President Sparkman stated that he is very impressed with the Lake Athens dam & spillway and feels safe on Lake Athens. He ended by encouraging the public to refer to the AMWA website for any future announcements as they are needed.
- b. **Finance:** Director Gatlin presented a review of the financial position of the organization. He also informed every one of the progress being made during a meeting in which himself, Bill Casey, Bill Magee and Heidi Harris attended regarding the TCDRS (Retirement System). Director Gatlin suggested that we continue with a 4% match on a 1:1 ratio and adopt the 10/80/30 rule for retirement payment.
- c. **Water Development:** In the absence of Director Foster, the Water Development Committee report was presented by President Sparkman (as provided by Director Foster). Highlights of the report are as follows:
  - The Water Well - Ready for full operation and provides 1.7m gallons per day (MGD) groundwater to the plant noting that Lake Athens currently has pumps that can withdraw 10MGD. Director Foster also emphasized the importance that we begin utilizing the groundwater resources currently in place to begin reducing the outtake from Lake Athens. Director Foster noted that we should begin developing and utilizing our groundwater resources as an insurance policy against a Zebra Mussel outbreak within Lake Athens.

- Well Field Power Supply Improvements - Bill Casey will be the lead communicator with the citizens regarding the easement for power and entrance to the well.
- d. **City/AMWA Relations:** No report.
- e. **Public Awareness:** President Sparkman informed everyone that on Monday, May 11, 2015, @ 8:30am a decision was made to close Lake Athens due to loose boats, floating debris, and for the safety of all, however, fisherman can still cast off from the banks. President Sparkman thanked Athens Police Department for putting up the barricades at the public boat ramp for us and he thanked Bill Casey for ensuring that no one got on the lake. President Sparkman also stated that we hope to reopen Lake Athens in the next few days contingent on many factors.
- f. **Economic Impact:** Director Peek reminded the audience that AMWA has agreed to assist the Athens Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) with a \$300,000 sewer project that will assist a new business in Athens. Tyler Hendrickson has been notified by AEDC to proceed with a survey of the site. President Sparkman suggested that AMWA discuss its obligations to this project in next month's meeting (contingent upon engineering).

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Tyler Hendrickson and Corey Fentress of Velvin & Weeks Engineering reported on the status of all AMWA current and proposed projects.

#### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST OF VOLUNTARY DE-ANNEXATION**

Motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Peek to approve the request of voluntary de-annexation of property located at Tract 2 (0.12 acres) Trimble Survey, Abstract 766 (2442 Bear Creek Road) owned by John S. Taylor and Anne Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY IN REGARD TO THE LAKE ATHENS MARINA**

The board then adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the status of real property located at the Lake Athens Marina Complex.

#### **CONSIDER AND ACT UPON MATTERS RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY IN REGARD TO THE LAKE ATHENS MARINA**

Returning from Executive Session at 9:32 a.m., President Sparkman announced that AMWA will continue to receive and review concession applications for the Lake Athens Marina Complex, keeping the quality of life at Lake Athens in mind and considering a public forum during which any final decision would be made.

#### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MATTERS INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT LAKE ATHENS MARINA WHICH WAS FORMERLY OWNED BY LAKE ATHENS MARINA, LTD.**

Martin Bennett informed those present that notice has been provided Lake Athens Marina, LTD. informing them of the sale of property located at the Lake Athens Marina Complex, currently under lien by Newtek Financing. Having provided ample time for Lake Athens Marina, LTD. to respond to the notice, Mr. Bennett advised that AMWA could now proceed with the purchase of said property from Newtek in the agreed amount of \$10,000. Any property on site that is considered to be leased property will be excluded from this purchase.



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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATED ACCESS TO BANKING ACCOUNTS**

Motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin to update access to the AMWA Office Management account allowing for any two of the following signatures: Stephen Sparkman, Ed Gatlin, Bill Casey, or Heidi Nelson-Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE JULY 8, 2015  
REGULAR SESSION**

No action was necessary as circumstances have changed.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE OCTOBER 14, 2015  
REGULAR SESSION**

A discussion was held to consider rescheduling the October 14, 2015 Regular Session to October 7, 2014 due to a scheduling conflict at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. Motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dorian Reeder, Secretary for the Lake Athens Property Owners Association thanked AMWA for their swift action during the flooding.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2015.

  
Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:

  
Donald A. Foster, Secretary