

**ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION
June 10, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 10, 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
Don Foster
Ed Gatlin
Mike Peek
David Thomas

Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney

others present: Tyler Hendrickson, and Darlene Forshage;

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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 Director Foster to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approval of the May 13, 2015 Regular Session minutes and approval of the May 21, 2015 Special Session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Because additional payments had been added to the Payment of Statements to be approved, this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on independently by a motion made by Director Foster and seconded by Director Peek. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given as follows:

- a. **Lake Athens:** President Sparkman briefly discussed the recent flooding and its effects on Lake Athens. He also informed the board that Interim Executive Director Casey and Lake Patrol Officer Magee had recently attended the Annual Membership Meeting of the Lake Area Property Owner's Association (LAPOA). In closing his report, he informed the audience that no applications had been received to date regarding the potential leasing of properties located at the Lake Athens Marina Complex.
- b. **Finance:** Director Gatlin presented a brief overview of the financial position of the organization. Current account balances for AMWA include: \$1.2M – Revenue Account; \$2.6M – Tax Account; \$1.01M – Revenue Fund CD; and \$5.60M- Tax Fund CD. At the request of the board, future reports will include Profit & Loss Statements.
- c. **Water Development:** - Director Foster spoke briefly about the status of an access easement from FM 2495 to the AMWA well farm.
- d. **City/AMWA Relations:** Director Thomas informed the board that during the month of May, he had met with Athens Mayor Vaught several times and it was his belief that the relations between

AMWA and the City of Athens were healing. During the month, he had also met with representatives of AEDC and the Athens Park Board.

- e. **Public Awareness:** President Sparkman spoke about the value of the AMWA website during recent events. At the request of the board, future reports will include a statistical report for website traffic.
- f. **Economic Impact:** Reminding everyone that the lease extended to Lake Star Marina Enterprises will expire on September 9, 2015, and in lieu of the fact that no applications for concessions at the Lake Athens Marina Complex have been received to date, Director Peek encouraged the audience to help spread the news that applications are still being accepted for consideration.
- g. **Executive Director's Report:** President Sparkman reported for Interim Executive Director Casey who was attending Police Chief's Training Academy. He reported that much of the previous month had been devoted to the recent flood and its effects on Lake Athens. In addition, Interim Executive Director Casey has been in conversations with representatives of HJO regarding access to Powder River. In closing the report, President Sparkman announced that Darlene Forshage would be returning as AMWA Office Manager until such time that a full-time replacement could be found.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Tyler Hendrickson and Corey Fentress of Velvin & Weeks Engineering reported on the status of all AMWA current and proposed projects. Four items had been presented on the Agenda for approval. Action was deferred on all of these but one. A motion was made by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Gatlin to reject the bids for the original Access Road Plan (road access from CR 4706). Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS SETTING THE 2015 TAX RATE FOR THE HENDERSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE

This item was tabled until the August 2015 Regular Session.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

No comments.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Motion was made by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Peek to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8 day of July, 2015.


 Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:


 Donald A. Foster, Secretary