

**ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
July 23, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Special Session on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room at the AMWA offices located at 5401 Marina Drive, Athens, TX 75752 with the following members present and constituting a quorum, to-wit:

Stephen R. Sparkman, President  
Ed Gatlin, Director  
David Thomas, Director  
Mike Peek, Director

Bill Casey, Executive Director  
Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney

others present included: Darlene Forshage;

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Director Thomas declared a potential conflict of interest pertaining to the Lease of Real Property in regard to the Lake Athens Marina, and affidavits were filed accordingly.

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

- Jane Nettune (5773 Impala South) presented listing of questions/concerns regarding the proposed Lake Athens Marina Complex Lease.
- Todd Garrett (7596 Angelina Drive) shared a letter from Joe Gould regarding his concerns about the development of Lake Athens Marina Complex Lease.
- Rita Garrett (7596 Angelina Drive) expressed concerns about development/growth of Lake Athens Marina Complex.
- Carol Driscoll (6270 Sherwood) requested that public input be considered prior to any decisions made in AMWA Executive Session.
- Karen Hallford (1888 Crowne Pointe) expressed concern over the process of determining a new concessionaire for the Lake Athens Marina Complex.
- Patricia Calderon (6050 West Circle) expressed concern over the development of the Lake Athens Marina Complex.
- Gerald Bergman (903 Van Winkle Circle), as a former owner on Lake Athens, expressed concern over the rate of development of the Lake Athens Marina Complex.

**DISCUSS AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AS PROPOSED BY THE  
TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

President Sparkman yielded the floor to Executive Director Casey who reminded the board that the creation of an employee retirement plan for all full-time employees based on a 4% contribution and 4% match had been previously approved. The Texas County and District Retirement System is now able to provide such a retirement plan for the existing two full-time employees, at the initial rate of \$101.56/month. Future rates will be determined by the full-time employee roster. A motion was made

by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Sparkman to approve the final retirement plan as proposed by the Texas County and District Retirement System based on an employee contribution of 4% with an employer match of the same; to accept all other guidelines as prescribed; and to provide funding sufficient to cover the match. Motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSS AND ACT UPON DISPOSITION OF FUNDS CURRENTLY HELD IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT  
 MATURING ON JULY 23, 2015**

In further business related to the general operations of the AMWA offices, Executive Director Casey then reminded the board of two certificates of deposit maturing on July 23, 2015 – one created from funds generated by the collection of taxes by the County (\$606,330.90) and another created from funds generated by the collection of fees by AMWA (\$1,010,551.51). Executive Director Casey proposed that the funds from these certificates be placed into existing demand deposit accounts of like title and purpose for a maximum period of two months until such time that the existing Investment Policy can be revised to better suit the future needs of the organization. A motion to this effect was made by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Gatlin. Motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO  
 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072,  
 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY IN REGARD TO THE LAKE ATHENS MARINA, AND  
 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**

Attorney Bennett informed the board that the need for an Executive Session was mute in lieu of the fact that all negotiations with the proposed tenant had ceased and their offer been withdrawn. It was noted that Lake Star Marina Enterprises would vacate the Lake Athens Marina Bait Shop effective September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 when the temporary lease expires. President Sparkman reiterated that the AMWA board of directors will continue to avidly pursue a concessionaire for the purpose of reopening the facilities of the Lake Athens Marina Restaurant, RV Park, and Bait Shop as they currently exist. Negotiations with prospective candidates will continue to be held in Executive Session due to the sensitive personal nature of the financial abilities of the candidates.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, upon a motion made by Director Thomas to adjourn, seconded by Director Gatlin, and unanimously approved by all board members, the meeting was adjourned.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this 19 day of August, 2015.**

  
 Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:

  
 Donald A. Foster, Secretary