The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA" or "Authority") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 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
Frank Lunceford, Board Member

others present: Bill Casey, AMWA Executive Director; Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney; Beth McConnell, Office Manager

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 President Peek.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
No conflicts of interest were declared.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN
Mr. Gary Penn, of Oakwood Subdivision, stated that he believes that the 100' variance requested for Oakwood Lot 69 (Don Bell) would pose a safety hazard. He believes that 80' is long enough, as Mr. Bell is dredging at 100', he could just as easily dredge at 80'.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included:
Approval of the July 10, 2019 regular session minutes
Approval of monthly statements and payment of bills

FINANCIAL REPORT
Public Hearing Regarding Setting the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Tax Rate
A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to open the floor for public comments regarding the 2019-20 fiscal year tax rate, at 8:06 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mark Carroll, asked questions regarding how AMWA was budgeting the additional funds due to the increase in property values.

Mr. Jerry Henry, asked for clarification regarding the actual percentage of property taxes that the tax assessor collects each year.

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Foster, to close the public hearing, at 8:17 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.
Discuss and Take Action to Set the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Tax Rate

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Lunceford, to set the 2019-20 fiscal year tax rate at $0.119729/$100 valuation, which is the current tax rate. This motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Take Action to Place a Public Hearing and Adopt a Budget for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year, on the September 11, 2019 Agenda

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to place a public hearing and adopt a budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year, on the September 11, 2019 agenda. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE NORTHERN PROPERTY LINE OF BEAR CREEK ROAD SOUTH TRACT 22, IN RELATION TO THE 448 MSL, AS PRESENTED

Executive Director Casey presented the proposed angle of the extension of the property line into the Lake (as attached to resolution 2019-0814b).

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Lunceford, to approve the change for the northern property line of Bear Creek Road South Tract 22, in relation to the 448 msl, as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE RULES & REGULATION GOVERNING LAKE ATHENS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 1, AREA OF A PIER OR BOATHOUSE, PENINSULA POINT LOTS 56A-58 (J. PARKER)

Executive Director Casey explained Peninsula Point Lots 56A-58 already has a variance to 1,954 square feet, however construction has not begun, and the property owner is requesting an additional 476 square feet over the previous variance, for a total allowable square footage of 2,430 square feet.

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Foster, to approve the variance. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE ATHENS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2, LENGTH OF A PIER OR BOATHOUSE, PHANTOM TRAIL LOTS 9 & 9A (S. COKE)

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Chaney, to approve a variance of 40’, to allow a total boathouse length of 100’. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE ATHENS, ARTICLE 2, SECTIONS 1 & 2, AREA & LENGTH OF A PIER OR BOATHOUSE, OAKWOOD LOT 69 (D. BELL)

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Foster, to approve an area variance of 1,084 square feet (for a total allowable size of 2,420 square feet) and a length variance of 40’ (for a total length of 100’). This motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Casey gave his report as Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: SECTION 551.074 – DISCUSSING PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Foster, to enter into Executive Session at 8:51 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Foster, to return from Executive Session at 8:58 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Director Gatlin filed a conflict of interest for the discussions to occur in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Peek, to enter into Executive Session at 8:54 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Chaney, to return from Executive Session at 9:08 A.M. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO THE OPENMEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: SECTION 551.074 – DISCUSSING PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Director Chaney, seconded by Director Lunceford, to extend a contract for the Executive Director position to Ed Gatlin. This motion carried unanimously, with Director Gatlin abstaining.

At this time, Director Gatlin presented a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Chaney, to accept Director Gatlin’s resignation. This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Lunceford, seconded by Director Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of September, 2019.

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Mike Peek, President

ATTEST:

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Donald A. Foster, Secretary