

**ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION
September 9, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 9, 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, Elizabeth Flach 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 8:00 a.m. by President Sparkman.

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

No citizens wished to express concern.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by President Sparkman to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approval of the August 19, 2015 Regular Session minutes and payment of monthly statements presented. This motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given as follows:

- a. **Lake Athens:** President Sparkman presented a brief report.
- b. **Finance:** Director Gatlin presented an overview of the financial position of the organization.
 - i. A motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Foster authorizing expending \$1.95M from the Tax Account for the purpose of creating three (3) individual certificates of deposit in the amount of \$650,000 each and with staggered maturities of 2016, 2017, and 2018. This motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Thomas to authorize Executive Director Casey to seek and accept bids on the purchase of a new office vehicle.
- c. **Water Development:** - Director Foster had no report
- d. **City/AMWA Relations:** Director Thomas had no report.
- e. **Public Awareness:** President Sparkman deferred this report to Darlene Forshage regarding social media usage.
- f. **Economic Impact:** Director Peek reported on the new sewer extension.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Casey then presented a report of his monthly activities.

ENGINEERING REPORT

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

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON REQUEST TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO GOAT ISLAND

Requestor was not present, no action taken.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON VARIANCE TO ARTICLE 2, PIERS AND BOATHOUSES, SECTION 2, LENGTH, FOR LOT 16, ZUELER HAWLEY SUBDIVISION, AS REQUESTED BY ANTHONY AND MARLENE KLEPIKOW (7960 BLUEBIRD)

A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Peek to allow the variance. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by President Sparkman to open public discussion. This motion carried unanimously. No citizen wished to present. A motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin to close the public discussion. This motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX RATE FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Peek to approve a \$0.0119729/\$100 tax rate for fiscal year 2015-2016. Motion passed four (4) to one (1), with Director Thomas dissenting.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin to approve a resolution for fiscal year 2015-2016. This motion passed four (4) to one (1), with Director Thomas dissenting.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF (A) 30.00 ACRES LOCATED IN THE DANIEL HARRISON SURVEY, ABSTRACT 279 (650 SOUTH EAST LOOP 7), AND (B) 296.142 ACRES LOCATED IN THE WILLIAM TRIMMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 758, MARY ANN PICKETT SURVEY, ABSTRACT 628, AND NELSON BOX SURVEY, ABSTRACT 58 (1271 COUNTY ROAD 4500)

A motion was made by Director Peek and seconded by Director Foster to annex two properties that have been annexed by the City of Athens. This motion carried unanimously.

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

The board then adjourned to Executive Session at 8:49 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters as described above.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON MATTERS RESULTING FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUSANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072
DELIBERATIONS ABOUT LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN REGARD TO THE LAKE ATHENS MARINA, AND
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**

Returning from Executive Session at 9:42 a.m., Director Peek did not return, President Sparkman explained that during this portion of the Executive Session, Director Thomas had been excused due to a cited Conflict of Interest. A motion was made by President Sparkman and seconded by Director Gatlin, to make the deadline for concessionaire proposals Wednesday, October 7, 2015. This motion carried unanimously, with Director Thomas abstaining.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Thomas to adjourn, at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:

Donald A. Foster, Secretary