

**MINUTES FOR
ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION
January 14, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Hart-Morris Conservation Center of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center with the following members present and constituting and quorum, to-wit:

Ed Gatlin
Donald A Foster
David Thomas
Mike Peek
Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director
Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney

Others present included:

Sam Whitten, LAPOA Board Member
Dorian Reeder, LAPOA Board Member
Jane Nettune, LAPOA Board Member
Karen Mondini
Tyler Hendrickson, of Velvin & Weeks Engineering
Darlene Forshage, AMWA

CALL TO ORDER

Director Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Director Foster completed and signed a Declaration of Conflict of Interest and indicated his intent to abstain from a vote regarding the approval of an additional \$1,556.48 in expenses for the repair of well controls.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Director Foster and seconded by Director Peek to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session on December 3, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously by all Directors.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS CONCERNS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given as follows:

- a. **Lake Athens:** In the absence of Director Sparkman, Executive Director Pirkle informed the board members that the operations of the Lake Athens Marina had been relinquished to AMWA effective January 12, 2015. At this time, no formal plans for the disposition of the property have been made.
- b. **Finance:** Director Gatlin presented the available balances in all AMWA accounts to the board members for their consideration.
- c. **Water Development:** Director Foster deferred to the Engineer's Report to be presented by Tyler Hendrickson.
- d. **City/AMWA Relations:** No report.
- e. **Public Awareness:** Executive Director Pirkle announced that the new AMWA website had launched on December 24, 2014. He also informed the board that AMWA staff were developing a mailer to be sent to existing AMWA customers reintroducing them to the services provided by AMWA.
- f. **Economic Impact:** No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

- 1. Construction of the treatment plant piping improvements
- 2. Treatment plant well
- 3. Well farm monitoring wells

4. Well farm power
5. Well farm access roads
6. Well farm water supply improvements
7. Well farm maintenance
8. Water conservation plan

Mr. Hendrickson presented four payments to the board for their consideration and payment. These included:

- \$5,000.00 – Treatment Plant: Ladder Cage
- \$2,875.00 – Treatment Plant: Splash Pad and Overflow Drain
- \$1,556.48 – Repair of Well Controls
- \$7,000.00 – Pump Station: Geotechnical Study

A motion was made by Director Peek and seconded by Director Foster to approve a total of \$14,875.00 to cover expenses pertaining to the treatment plant and pump station. The motion carried unanimously. A separate motion was made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Peek to approve \$1,556.48 for the repair of well controls. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Gatlin, Peek, Thomas. Nays: None. Director Foster abstained.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Wylie Pirkle reported on the progress being made in the establishment of day-to-day operations of the AMWA offices. He announced that applications would be accepted through January 15, 2015 for the positions of Lake Patrol Officer/Building Inspector and Office Manager. It is Mr. Pirkle's intent to fill both positions prior to the February 11, 2015 Regular Session.

Mr. Pirkle then presented an outline on the proposed methods of communication with existing AMWA customers.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON VEHICULAR NEEDS OF LAKE PATROL OFFICER

Executive Director Pirkle announced that the Athens City Council had voted to relinquish the title to a 2008 Ford Pickup Truck previously used by Bill Magee in his responsibilities as Lake Patrol Officer to the Athens Municipal Water Authority. City Council felt it appropriate to provide the title to AMWA since the original expense of the vehicle had been reimbursed by AMWA funds. This being the case, the need to purchase a new vehicle could be postponed.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2015 INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr. Pirkle explained that it is time for the annual review of the Investment Policy. Because this Policy had been included in the Policies and Procedures Manual adopted by the board during their November 12, 2014 Regular Session, he was requesting a formal ratification of the Investment Policy as it stands. A motion was made by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Foster to ratify the existing Investment Policy as approved on November 12, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION FOR PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Foster to pay all statements that have been presented to the Water Authority. The Motion carried unanimously to authorize payments of all bills that were presented to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, which was seconded by Director Thomas, to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Gatlin, which was seconded by Director Thomas, to return to Regular Session at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON MATTERS RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Upon a motion duly made by Director Gatlin and seconded by Director Foster, the board voted unanimously to continue operations as an independent Municipal Utility District.

ADJOURN

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

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11 day of February, 2015.


Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:


Donald A. Foster, Secretary