

**MINUTES FOR  
ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
March 19, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Special Session on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at the AMWA offices located at 6353 State Highway 19 North in Athens with the following members present and constituting and quorum, to-wit:

Stephen R. Sparkman  
Ed Gatlin  
Donald A Foster  
David Thomas  
Mike Peek  
Bill Casey, Interim Executive Director  
Martin Bennett, AMWA Attorney

Others present included:

Todd Garrett, LAPOA Board President  
Dorian Reeder, LAPOA Board Member  
Rich Flowers, Athens Daily Review  
Darlene Forshage, AMWA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Sparkman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None were disclosed.

**DISCUSS AND AWARD BID FOR REPAIR AND SERVICES ON  
2006 KENNER 18' FIBERGLASS BOAT**

Interim Executive Director Casey presented bids from two area vendors for the repair of the current AMWA patrol boat. A motion was made by Director Peek and seconded by Director Thomas to accept the bid for repairs and a new motor as provided by The Boat Center in Tyler, pending the inclusion of a stainless steel prop for an additional

\$250, their adjustment of fees assessed, and the deletion of sales tax charged. Maximum anticipated fees will be \$12,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PURCHASE OF ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE LAKE  
ATHENS MARINA THAT IS/WAS OWNED BY THE PRIOR TENANT**

President Sparkman then turned the floor over to Martin Bennett who explained that Newtek (one of the creditors of property owned at the Lake Athens Marina) had reached out to him to determine if AMWA would be interested in purchasing all of the real property used as collateral on their loans to Peter Gould. It was suggested that for \$33,000, AMWA could purchase approximately \$500,000 of collateralized property. Following a brief discussion, Director Thomas moved that AMWA not make an offer on the real property used as collateral on loans held by Newtek and that this reply be emailed to Newtek that evening requesting that the equipment be removed within the next ten business days. The motion was seconded by Director Gatlin. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE REVISIONS TO AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON  
EXISTING OFFICE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT**

A motion was made by Director Thomas and seconded by President Sparkman to amend the signatures for Checking Account #214977187 – the AMWA Office Management Account. The board unanimously agreed that any combination of two of the following individuals be granted check writing privileges on this account for up to \$1,000.00 per check and maximum monthly expenditures from the account to be \$5,000.00 or less. Authorized signers are to include:

Stephen R. Sparkman  
Ed Gatlin  
William R. "Bill" Casey  
Darlene Forshage

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS**

The members of the board were then asked to approve a payment in the amount of \$3,848.00 in payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2015 service fees to the Henderson County Appraisal District. A motion was made by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Gatlin to pay this fee prior to the April 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, upon a motion made by Director Gatlin, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously approved by all board members, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
Stephen R. Sparkman, President

ATTEST:

  
Donald A. Foster, Secretary