

**MINUTES FOR  
ATHENS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 8, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Athens Municipal Water Authority ("AMWA") met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Athens with the following members present and constituting and quorum, to-wit:

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

Others present were:

Tyler Hendrickson, of Velvin & Weeks Engineering  
Darlene Forshage

Sam Whitten, Lake Athens Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Stephen R. Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Don Foster and seconded by Mike Peek to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session on September 10, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously by the remaining Directors.

**CITIZENS TO EXPRESS CONCERNS**

Sam Whitten expressed his belief the relationship between the Water Authority's Board and the Lake Athens Board was very good and requested copies of the governing documents for the Water Authority.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given as follows:

- a. Lake Athens: Stephen R. Sparkman and Wylie Pirkle discussed the concessioners lease; the lightning strike at the Water Treatment Plant; the fishery center and our on-going projects; the easement agreement with TP&W; and the meeting facilities that have been offered to the Authority at the fishery center.
- b. Finance: Ed Gatlin gave a report based upon the financial documents provided by David Hopkins.
- c. Water Development: Donald A. Foster gave the report on the problems that exist with the existing water well and monitors of the same at the Water Treatment Plant.
- d. City/AMWA Relations: David Thomas stated he had no report to give for this month.
- e. Public Awareness: Stephen R. Sparkman gave a report on the website development.
- f. Economic Impact: Mike Peek stated he had no report to give for this month but requested for ideas to be presented to him concerning this committee.

## INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Inspector Bill McGee did not attend the meeting. No explanation was provided to the Board prior to this meeting concerning his absence.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Tyler Hendrickson of Velvin & Weeks Engineering reported on the following:

1. Appreciation was expressed to Andrews & Foster for the work they have performed without charge to the Water Authority at the Water Treatment Plant and well project.
2. The drought contingency plan was stated to have been presented to TCEQ by Martin Bennett.
3. A water conservation plan is being worked on for the Authority and also for the City of Athens. This should be completed by next month's meeting.

4. Discussion in regard to the piping contract at the Water Treatment Plant. A pre-construction meeting will be conducted and the project will then proceed.
5. Discussion on the well projects of the Water Authority.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Wylie Pirkle reported on the following:

1. Plans for the land behind the dam and its maintenance;
2. Plans in regard to the easement for TP&W;
3. A potential workshop for the Board members.

#### CONSIDERATION FOR PAYMENT OF STATEMENTS

Motion was made by David Thomas and seconded by Stephen R. Sparkman 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.

#### RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES & REGULATIONS

Motion was made by Ed Gatlin and seconded by David Thomas to amend the Rules & Regulations of the Water Authority, Article 4, Boats and Boating; Sections 1, 4 and 12; and Article 20, Boat Launches, Section 2. The Motion carried unanimously.

#### EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Don Foster and seconded by David Thomas to authorize Wylie Pirkle, Executive Director, to enter into an Easement Agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department across property owned by the Authority. The Motion carried unanimously.

#### OFFICE MANAGER FOR AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Ed Gatlin and seconded by David Thomas and approved by all Directors with the exception of Mike Peek, who opposed the Motion, to retain Darlene Forshage as an independent contractor to serve as office manager for the Authority on a month to month basis.

#### BOARD MEETING LOCATIONS

Motion was made by Stephen R. Sparkman and seconded by Don Foster, and unanimously approved, to establish the meeting place of the Water Authority's monthly Board meetings as being at the Education center at the Texas Fresh Water Fishery Center in Athens, Texas.

## WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

This item was passed until next month's meeting.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 551.071

The Authority chose to not go into Executive Session, but a report was given by Martin Bennett, attorney for the Authority, that settlement documents regarding litigation in Cause No. 2013A-1145, 173<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court, Henderson County, Texas would be signed within the next several days.

### DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken on this item.

### ADJOURN

Motion was made by Ed Gatlin and seconded by Don Foster to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

  
STEPHEN R. SPARKMAN, President

ATTEST:

  
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Donald A. Foster, Secretary