

September 15, 2009  
12:45 pm

The regular meeting of the SJWD Water District was held with the following present:

**Commissioners:** *Wanda Fowler, John Sexton, Tom Lomax, and Roger Nutt.* Buddy Carlton was absent

**Staff:** *Mike Caston, Executive Director; Mike Frost, Director of Projects and Construction; Larry Christopher, Director of Finance and Administration; and Mitch Turner, Manager of Water Resources.*

**Guests:** *None*

The Agenda for the meeting was emailed to WSPA TV and the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*.

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Roger Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2009 WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Wanda Fowler made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Lomax, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 workshop. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reviewed the Financial Report and Bank Balance Report for the month ending August 31, 2009. Staff reported that revenues exceeded budget and that expenses were under budget. This reflects a great start to the new budget year. Average daily water production continues to maintain a steady level (7.0 mgd to 8.0 mgd) with very few small peaks. The capital reserve fund will increase by \$1,500,000 as the new general obligation bond is issued on September 16, 2009.

#### **PROPOSAL FOR POTENTIAL TRAIL**

Staff presented a joint proposal from School District Five, the Tyger River Foundation, and some local industries for a trail that would start on school property, run along the South Tyger River, and end at Berry's Bond. Staff also reviewed a potential take-out point for kayaks/canoes near the dam at Lake Apalache, the South Tyger River at Rogers Bridge Road, and Berry's Pond.

After much discussion, the issue was tabled until a later meeting when all Commissioners would be present and more information could be obtained.

**REVIEW OF CONSERVATION RATE STRUCTURE**

Staff presented updated information on the District’s residential rate structure. Proposed changes were considered and compared to other water districts in Spartanburg County. Approval of any changes will be tabled until the next meeting when all Commissioners will be present. Staff was instructed to keep working on the details of the proposed changes for the next meeting.

**STAFF UPDATE**

Mike Frost reported that the repairs to the raw water pump station on the North Tyger Reservoir are complete. The Treatment Plant has begun using water from the reservoir again on a limited basis.

Mitch Turner provided a review of the project to dredge the alum sludge pond and the land application process.

Mitch Turner informed the Commissioners that lake levels were normal in all lakes except the North Tyger Reservoir which was only slightly under full pool.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:02 pm. Tom Lomax made a motion, which was seconded by Roger Nutt, to go into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was approved unanimously.

At 3:24 pm, Roger Nutt made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Lomax, to end the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tom Lomax made a motion, which was seconded by Roger Nutt, to increase the Executive Director’s salary by 3% retroactively to August 1, 2009 and adjourn the meeting.

The next regular Commission meeting will be held October 20, 2009 at 12:45.

Read & Approved

Wanda Fowler, Secretary

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