

Stafford County Utilities Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015

I. Call to order

Chairman Bill Tignor called to order the regular meeting of the Utilities Commission at the George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center on January 13, 2015 in the ABC Conference Room.

II. Roll call

Members Present: Joyce Arndt, Jeffrey Dunn, Alan Glazman, and Bill Tignor.

Members Absent: John Harris, Gordon Howard and DaBora Lovitt

Staff Present: Mike Smith, Dale Allen, Janet Spencer, Hope Bullard, and Cheryl Giles

III. Election of Officers

Mr. Dunn made a motion that current officers remain the same as in 2014.

Chairman – Mr. Tignor

Vice Chairman – Ms. Arndt

Recording Secretary – Ms. Lovitt

The motion was seconded by Mr. Glazman and passed with a 4-0 vote.

IV. Public Presentations

Mr. Paul Waldowski of 8 Pickett Lane commented that Resolution R82-341 entitles the Stafford Meadows subdivision residents to receive a public water and sewer bill from Stafford County Utilities.

V. Approval of Minutes

The December 9, 2014 minutes were approved as written.

VI. Commission Members' Comments

Mr. Dunn inquired about Mr. Waldowski's comments. Mr. Smith responded the Stafford Meadows subdivision has four master meters and the developer is responsible for the waterlines and for billing the residents. In 2011, a study was completed to assess the infrastructure of the area and the estimated cost to bring the water and sewer infrastructure up to county standards would be \$500,000.

Mr. Glazman requested the issue of a member's absenteeism be addressed and added to the agenda.

Mr. Tignor asked for an update on the Pump and Haul Policy. Mr. Smith responded it had not been taken to the Board. Staff needs to clarify a few items such as defining subsidized and non-subsidized in the policy and then bring the revised policy to the Commission for review before it's presented to the Board.

VII. Director's Report

Mr. Smith reported the following items:

- ❖ Lake Mooney has been in operation since December 18, 2014.

- ❖ Lake Mooney has supplied 68 million gallons into our system with an average of 2.8 million gallons a day (mgd).
- ❖ The Abel Lake Water Treatment Facility was taken out of service on December 18, 2014. Lake Mooney is supplying all of the water for the southern end of the County.
- ❖ We continue to pump out of the river to fill the reservoir at an average rate of 20 mgd. The reservoir is currently at a pool elevation of 194 which is equivalent to a surface area of 230 acres and a volume of 1.77 billion gallons.

Mr. Glazman asked how much capacity has the addition of Lake Mooney created. Mr. Smith responded that it currently has increased the capacity 1,800 estimated daily units. Lake Mooney could be further expanded with additional membrane treatment capacity and Abel Lake reservoir could be used by retrofitting the plant or by pumping the water to Lake Mooney for treatment.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Lake Mooney Financial Overview

Ms. Bullard reported that as of December 31, 2014, \$138,660,078 had been spent on the project. There may be a few expenditures for punch list items but the total should remain below the budgeted amount.

Mr. Glazman inquired about when accounts would be closed for the project. Mr. Smith responded that because there may be ongoing litigation with the contractor, accounts would remain open until that issue has been resolved.

IX. New Business

Condemnation and Exercise Quick Take Powers to Acquire Property in Connection with the Powhatan Waterline Extension Project

Mr. Allen reported the proposed resolution is to authorize condemnation and use of quick-take powers to acquire property for waterline extension on Powhatan Trail Road. All easements have been received for the project except for an easement on Tax Map Parcel 38-4. The owner has delayed the public hearing for rezoning and a public hearing has not been scheduled. The owner has requested the waterline be built according to the future George Washington Village plan, but the owner does not have the zoning, preliminary, or final plans and there is no schedule of when the line would be constructed. Staff would like to see this project proceed because the applicants have poor water quality and drying wells. Staff will continue negotiations with the owner but feels it is necessary to proceed with a public hearing for condemnation and quick-take powers to acquire the property.

Discussion ensued about the location of the easement. Mr. Dunn expressed concern about acquiring the property by eminent domain and inquired if other options were available to construct the waterline. Mr. Smith responded the waterline could be constructed through other properties; however easements would be required from those property owners.

Following the discussion, Ms. Arndt made a motion to recommend proposed resolution R15-28, which would authorize a public hearing to consider condemnation and quick-take powers to acquire easements in connection with a Neighborhood Short Extension Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunn and passed with a 4-0 vote.

Utilities Commission Meeting Attendance

Mr. Tignor informed members about Mr. Howard's absenteeism at consecutive meetings and opened the floor for recommendations on how to address the situation. Mr. Dunn recommended informally contacting Mr. Howard about his absenteeism at meetings. The members agreed with the recommendation and Mr. Tignor stated he would contact Mr. Howard about the matter.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Tignor adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Arndt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joyce Arndt,
Acting Recording Secretary

