



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes December 5, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the I. Emerson Bryan Conference Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Members Present**

Hon. Charlotte Nash, Chairman  
Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair  
Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Hon. Buzz Ahrens  
City of Atlanta Designee: Ms. Kishia Powell

Cobb County Designee: Mr. Ernest Earn  
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Ted Rhinehart  
Henry County Designee: Ms. Tony Carnell

### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Jeff Turner  
Hon. Robb Pitts

Chairman Charlotte Nash called the meeting to order.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Nash called for a motion to approve the May 23, 2018 and the November 19, 2018 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Tony Carnell, seconded by Mr. Birdel Jackson and passed unanimously.

### **2018 Year End Budget Revision and 2019 Budget Revision**

Mr. Birdel Jackson gave a brief overview of the 2018 budget revision. The Finance Committee met and approved the 2018 and 2019 budget update on November 15, 2018. The 2018 budget revision reflects changes in the Direct State Funding and Salaries to reflect the anticipated billing and work production in the 2018 for the Source Water Assessment Plan which began later than expected. The District salaries were also reduced to reflect savings in full-time staff hours. Contract expenses have been increased to reflect a shift of a portion of the Septic System Impact to Surface Water Quality Study work performed in 2018 rather than in 2019.

The 2019 budget revision reflects changes in the Beginning Fund Balance, Direct State Funding, and Contracts related to the above referenced shifts in 2018 funding and expenditures. Overhead was reduced to reflect updated estimates from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the 2018 Year End Budget Revision and 2019 Budget Revision. A motion by the Executive Committee does not require a second. The 2018 Year End Budget Revision and 2019 Budget Revision passed unanimously.

The following questions were asked:

Question: Do we expect an increase in District dues next year?

Answer: That will depend on funding from the legislature for the State Fiscal Year 2020.

A board member requested that District staff provide notice to board members regarding dues status immediately following the Finance Committee Call in April 2019.

### **BAC New Member Approval**

Chairman Nash began discussion on the Basin Advisory Council (BAC) Membership Drive. Mr. Danny Johnson noted that five new individuals applied for membership to the BAC. Four of the applicants are new to the process. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve five new BAC members. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kishia Powell and passed unanimously.

### **City of Auburn Plan Amendment Status**

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the status of the City of Auburn Plan Amendment Request. The Executive Committee held a conference call on November 19, 2018 to consider how the amendment request should be released for public comment. The Executive Committee voted to categorize the amendment as a major amendment subject to a 30-day public comment period. The amendment is currently posted for public comment until December 28, 2018.

### **Other**

Ms. Katherine Zitsch recognized District staff members Lora Amedu and Chris Faulkner for their service to the District. Both will be leaving the District in early 2019 to pursue other opportunities.

The Executive Committee discussed the use of Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) data and how its use fits into the existing Georgia Open Records Act. District staff will research how other industries manage their utility metering data in relation to open records requests and how other states have addressed the issue.

The Executive Committee commented that it would like to explore other offsite opportunities for a future retreat. District staff will provide a survey to Governing Board members in 2019 with approximately three offsite locations.