



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes  
December 6, 2012**

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission offices in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Members Present**

Hon. Boyd Austin, Chairman  
Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair  
Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Hon. Buzz Ahrens, Cherokee County

Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Skeel  
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Ted Rhinehart  
Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons  
Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Ron Peters

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Kasim Reed, City of Atlanta  
Hon. Eldrin Bell, Clayton County

Hon. BJ Mathis, Henry County

**Others Present**

Cherokee County Designee: Mr. David Kubala  
Charles McKinney, Chattahoochee BAC

Mr. Emil Runge, Fulton County Chairman's Office  
Ms. Pat Stevens

Chairman Boyd Austin called the meeting to order.

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Austin called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the September 6, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick, seconded by Ms. Judy Skeel and passed unanimously.

**ACF Water Control Manual Scoping Comments**

Mr. Steve Haubner presented the scoping comments that will be provided to the Corps on behalf of the Metro Water District regarding updates to the Water Control Manual. Both the District and the Atlanta Regional Commission will provide comments on the types of operations it would be in our best interest for the Corps to consider. District staff and ARC hope that the Corps will give weight to the comments. The update of the manual is expected to be a two year process.

**2012 Budget Revisions**

Mr. Birdel Jackson presented the Finance Committee's recommendations on the 2012 budget revisions. The carryover is shown in the general fund balance and planning functions are the same. Mr. Jackson moved to carry the 2012 budget revisions forward to the Board. Chairman

Austin explained that recommendations of a committee do not require a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**Letter from EPD Director Jud Turner to Fulton County Commission Re: Cauley Creek**

In October 2012, EPD Director Jud Turner sent a letter to the Fulton County Commission in response to their September 2012 vote to cancel their contract with Cauley Creek Water Reclamation Facility (Cauley Creek). The decision to cancel the contract did not go through the proper plan amendment process, as adopted by the Metro Water District Governing Board. Consequently, specific proposed actions as related to the rates that will be charged Cauley Creek reuse customers for potable water used for outdoor irrigation are out of compliance with the District's plans and of great concern to the state. The District Governing Board is concerned that Fulton County reversed its stated water conservation program and will create and encourage additional and significant raw water withdrawals, while discharging a more concentrated effluent to the Chattahoochee River. Additionally, the credibility of the District lies in the comprehensive nature and strength of the plans, and the ability to work together on a regional level.

Fulton County Designee, Nick Ammons spoke on behalf of Fulton County Commission Chair and Metro Water District Board Member John Eaves, a dissenter in the decision. He presented Fulton County's reasoning. Although costly, canceling the contract and decommissioning the facility proves cost effective for the county and were deemed necessary in the present economic times. He apologized on behalf of Fulton County for being outside the expectations of the District.

Discussions continued about timeframe for completion of a water rate study and the need to properly value water.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.