



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
June 4, 2014

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Hon. Boyd Austin, Chairman
Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer
Hon. Buzz Ahrens
Clayton County Designee: Mr. Mike Thomas

Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Skeel
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Charles Lambert
Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons

Members Not Present

Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair
Hon. Kasim Reed

Hon. Charlotte Nash
Hon. Tommy Smith

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 December 4, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Secretary/Treasurer Birdel Jackson, seconded by Chairman Austin.

2013 Legislative Agenda Wrap-Up

Chairman Austin provided a brief wrap-up of the District's 2014 Legislative Agenda. SB213 Flint River Drought Protection Act passed as well as SB299 related to watershed buffers. Any legislation not passed in 2014 will have to be proposed as a new bill in 2015 for future consideration.

2015 Budget & Work Program

Mr. Jackson gave a brief overview of the 2015 Budget and Work Program. The Finance Committee met and approved the 2014 budget on April 28, 2014. The 2015 budget is based on a dues increase of five cents to \$0.265 per capita which is the second of a three step dues increase in preparation for the 2016 Plan Update.

Mr. Michael Thomas asked if the District can sign a contract with only one year's worth of funding available? Ms. Katherine Zitsch replied that we can formulate the contract to state that payment for subsequent years is based on available funding.

Mr. Thomas asked that since the plan is mature, can we scale the plan update scope of work back? Mayor Austin replied that in his conversations with Jud Turner, the director of EPD, we are working with EPD to define our guidance. Additionally, we received several comments from our TCC and BACs that asked for improvements to the plan. Ms. Zitsch responded to say that we can adjust the third year dues increase accordingly once we understand the final contract price of the plan update. We are also looking to ask the state legislature for additional state funding.

Mr. Thomas stated that he hopes EPD doesn't expect the District to spend \$1,000,000 when the other councils are spending \$100,000.

Mr. Charles Lambert made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget. The 2015 Budget and Work Program passed.

2013 Comprehensive Annual Report and Audit

Mr. Birdel Jackson presented the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Report and Audit Results. Hard copies were provided upon request.

BAC Membership Drive and New Member Approval

Chairman Austin began discussion on the Basin Advisory Council (BAC) Membership Drive. Every two years, BAC members are required to reapply for membership. Additionally during the Membership Drive, staff is required to seek new interest throughout the 15-county area. From March to April of 2014, District staff sent emails to different interest groups in the metro area, current Basin Advisory Council and Technical Coordinating Committee members and other regional commissions asking that current members reapply and seeking new interest. A total of 24 new applicants were submitted for approval. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve 24 new Basin Advisory Council members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Lambert and passed unanimously.

Updated MNGWPD Logo

Mr. Danny Johnson presented the Executive Committee with a newly designed logo for the Metro Water District. The logo will provide a fresh look for the District as we prepare to move forward with the 2016 Management Plan Update. The logo will be used for all new educational material and publications moving forward. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the new logo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.