



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
August 28, 2013

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 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
Hon. Buzz Ahrens
Hon. Tim Lee

Clayton County Designee: Mr. Mike Thomas
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Charles Lambert
Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons
Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Ron Peters

Members Not Present

Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer
Hon. Kasim Reed

Hon. Tommy Smith

Others Present

Ms. Judy Skeel, Cobb County Designee
Ms. Kit Dunlap
Mr. Harold Reheis
Mr. Alan Giles
Mr. David Kubala
Mr. Frank Stephens

Mr. Ken Rearden
Mr. Randy Knighton
Ms. Gail Cowie
Mr. Chris Poje
Ms. Jane Hayse, ARC
Mr. Bob McCord, ARC

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 6, 2012 and June 6, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick, seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

Basin Advisory Council Membership

Chairman Austin announced that the District received five additional Basin Advisory Council (BAC) membership applications after the spring membership drive. Applications were received from Gladney Cooper (Coosa/Etowah), Jo Ann Macrina (Chattahoochee), Ed Mullinax (Coosa/Etowah), David Radcliffe (Oconee), and Billy Turner (Chattahoochee). A committee member asked if members from outside of the district are allowed to participate in the BACs. District staff confirmed that the District Law does allow membership to those who live outside of the district provided that such persons reside within the river basin. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick

made a motion to approve the five new Basin Advisory Council members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

Proposed Revisions to the Plan Amendment Guidelines

Mr. Danny Johnson began discussion on proposed revisions to the Plan Amendment Guidelines. According to the current guidelines, an amendment classified as “major” is only reviewed during the annual plan review and update process which takes place at the end of the year. Given that an annual plan review and update has historically not been needed or performed, District staff does not see the merit in holding major plan amendments for up to nine months to process. District staff recommends that the language be removed requiring major amendments to only be reviewed during the annual plan review and update process. The proposed revisions to the Plan Amendment Guidelines were provided to the committee members. Mr. Ron Peters made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Plan Amendment Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Hon. Buzz Ahrens and passed unanimously.

Plan Amendment for Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the plan amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan from Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority to convert the Indian Creek Land Application System (LAS) with no discharge into a discharge only facility, as well as a change in timeline for expansions. The amendment had been categorized by District staff as a minor amendment and was posted for a 15-day public comment period. No comments were received. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the plan amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

Plan Amendment for Clayton County Water Authority

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the plan amendment from Clayton County Water Authority. The plan amendment request to the Wastewater Management Plan consists of including a discharge from the W.B. Casey Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to the Flint River. Currently reclaimed water from W.B. Casey WRF is discharged to the Ocmulgee River basin. The amendment had been categorized by District staff as a minor amendment and was posted for a 15-day public comment period. One comment was received that noted an incorrect reference to a publication by American Rivers. The actual document produced by American Rivers is called “Americas Most Endangered Rivers 2013” and references concerns over low flow within the Flint River and the need to reduce external interbasin transfers. The proposed plan amendment by Clayton County Water Authority will bring up to 6 MGD of flow back into the Flint Basin and will help to reduce the overall interbasin transfer impact. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Lambert. The motion passed without opposition.

Plan Amendment for the City of Dallas

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the plan amendment from the City of Dallas. The request for a major amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan includes extending the period of operations at a new, merged (to be merged from two currently existing plants in 2011-2015 planning period) wastewater treatment plant in the City of Dallas through the entire planning period (through 2035). Additional modifications would include reducing the expansion of

Paulding County's Pumpkinvine Creek WRF to a total capacity of 27 mgd instead of 30 mgd in the 2026 to 2035 planning period. The amendment had been categorized by District staff as a major amendment and was posted for a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received. Hon. Tim Lee made a motion to approve the plan amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

Administrative Change for Clayton County Water Authority

Mr. Danny Johnson noted that a copy of the revised Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan Appendix B table related to the June 6, 2013 approved administrative change for Clayton County Water Authority was not included in the June 6, 2013 meeting materials. A copy of the Appendix B table was provided with the August 28, 2013 meeting materials for reference.

Proposed Plan Amendment for Forsyth County

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the proposed plan amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan from Forsyth County to convert the James Creek WRF with reuse/LAS and no discharge into a reuse and 365 discharge only facility; convert the Dick Creek WRF with reuse and a seasonal discharge to a reuse and 365 discharge; and the Manor WRF from a reuse and no discharge into a reuse and cold weather seasonal discharge. The amendment has been categorized by District staff as a minor amendment and if approved by the Executive Committee to go forward, will be opened for a 15-day public comment period. Voting on approving the amendment will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the categorization as a minor amendment and send the proposed amendment out for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

Proposed Plan Amendment for the City of College Park

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the proposed plan amendment to the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan from the City of College Park to develop several groundwater wells with a nominal capacity of up to 0.6 MGD within the city limits for the purpose of reducing demand for purchased water. The City currently purchases approximately 3.2 MGD (AAF-MGD) of which 92% is purchased from the City of East Point and the remaining from Clayton County Water Authority. The reduction in purchased water volume may range from 17% to 24% equally from both suppliers. The amendment has been categorized by District staff as a major amendment and if approved by the Executive Committee to go forward, will be opened for a 30-day public comment period. Voting on approving the amendment will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the categorization as a major amendment and send the proposed amendment out for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Thomas and passed unanimously.

Proposed Plan Amendment for Hall County

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the proposed plan amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan from Hall County to develop the North Oconee WRF within the Oconee River Basin with phased expansions to 2.0 MGD by 2030. The amendment has been categorized by

District staff as a major amendment and if approved by the Executive Committee to go forward, will be opened for a 30-day public comment period. Voting on approving the amendment will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the categorization as a major amendment and send the proposed amendment out for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Hon. Buzz Ahrens and passed unanimously.

Revised Final Draft of the Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Mr. Steve Haubner provided an update of the status of the amendment to the Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, originally request by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2012. After multiple reviews by the Technical Coordinating Committee and a series of meetings with FEMA and multiple revisions, District staff recommends the Executive Committee approve the final version of the amendment. Mr. Ron Peters made a motion to approve the Model Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Thomas and passed unanimously.

Supplemental 2014 Budget Information

Chairman Boyd Austin noted that supplemental 2014 budget information was included with the meeting materials in response to committee member requests from the June 6, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting.

Hon. Buzz Ahrens noted that Cherokee County and the Cherokee County Water Authority agreed to split the District Dues into equal halves based on an agreement that Cherokee County would designate one staff member from the Water Authority to serve on the Governing Board during his absence.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.