



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 28, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the I. Emerson Bryan Conference Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Hon. Charlotte Nash, Chairman
Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer
Cherokee County Designee: David Kubala
Clayton County Designee: Mike Thomas

Cobb County Designee: Judy Skeel
DeKalb County Designee: Ted Rhinehart
Fulton County Designee: Nick Ammons
Henry County Designee: Tony Carnell

Members Not Present

Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair
Hon. Keisha Bottoms

Chairman Charlotte Nash called the meeting to order.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Nash called for a motion to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mike Thomas, seconded by Mr. Nick Ammons and passed unanimously.

Plan Amendment for Paulding County

Chairman Nash opened discussion on the plan amendment to the Water Resource Management Plan from Paulding County to revise Appendix B, Paulding County – Water, Note 2 to reflect the most current design capacity for the proposed water withdrawal from the Etowah River. The amendment was categorized as a major amendment and released for the required 30-day public comment period. No comments were received. Mr. David Kubala made a motion to approve the plan amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ammons and passed unanimously.

Source Water Assessment Plans (SWAP)

Ms. Katherine Zitsch and Mr. Danny Johnson provided a background on the history of the SWAP requirements and how the District is coordinating with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to develop a contract where the District would receive funding from the State to update the SWAPs. The SWAPs were last updated in the early 2000's and are now required to be updated by 2020 per the new Water Resource Management Plan requirements. Under the proposed agreement, the District will receive a total of \$243,950 from the State to update the SWAPs. The District will be

required to provide a match of in-kind services but no additional District funding will be required.

The following questions were received:

Question: Will the scope include a review and update?

Answer: Yes, the scope will include a review and update and will also include the additional five counties that were not included in the original SWAPs developed in the early 2000's.

Mr. Nick Ammons made a motion to approve the Chairman to execute a contract for the District to complete SWAPs for water supply watersheds within the 15-county Metro Water District with funding from Georgia EPD and GEFA.

Other

Mr. Ammons stated that he would like to get a better vision for the future of the District adding that we have already tackled the low hanging fruit. Often when we discuss the budget, it is too late to begin talking about the future of the District's work. Hon. Boyd Austin noted that the work is ever evolving but began with finite goals. We constantly struggle with getting local and state officials to recognize the importance of water. We need to do more to work with them and also help provide leadership with other regional water councils.

Mr. Ted Rhinehart asked how do we feel about more state funding? Ms. Zitsch responded and said we currently get funding from two sources: \$200,000 from the Governor's budget and \$50,000 from GEFA but we need to be thinking about what we need for the next plan update. Hon. Austin discussed the need to plan to get into the State's budget process earlier next year, plus several of the District's state delegates are turning over due to retirement. The committee members discussed holding a work session in the fall of 2018 to discuss the work program for the upcoming years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.