



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes
May 12, 2023**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 9:35 a.m. at CoveyRise in Camilla, GA.

Members Present

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer

Hon. Harry Johnston

Hon. Lisa Cupid

Hon. Carlotta Harrell

Ms. Pamela Burnett

Mr. Gerald Pouncey

Mr. Tim Thoms

Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse

Forsyth County Designee: Mr. Barry Lucas

Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons

Gwinnett County Designee: Ms. Rebecca Shelton

Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Vaughn Jamison

Members Not Present

Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair

Hon. Andre Dickens

Hon. Matt Santini

Hon. Jeff Turner

Hon. Dub Pearman

Hon. Mike Thurmond

Hon. Edward Johnson

Hon. Richard Higgins

Hon. James Kelly

Mr. Birdel Jackson

Ms. Kit Dunlap

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Page presented the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Gerald Pouncey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Hon. Lisa Cupid and passed without opposition.

Chairman's Update

Remaining Schedule for 2023

Chairman Page noted the next Board meeting will be held on September 13, 2023, and presented the remaining schedule of Board, BAC, and TCC meeting dates for 2023.

Executive Committee Report

Basin Advisory Council Membership Drive and New Member Approval

Chairman Page announced that 94 applicants for Basin Advisory Council (BAC) membership were approved during the Executive Committee meeting.

2022 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Treasurer Dr. Mark Berry provided an overview of the 2022 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

2023 Budget Revision

Treasurer Berry presented the 2023 Budget Revision for approval. Mr. Pouncey made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Revision. The motion was seconded by Hon. Cupid and passed without opposition.

2024 Budget and Work Program

Treasurer Berry presented the 2024 Budget and Work Program for approval. Hon. Cupid made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget and Work Program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pam Burnett and passed without opposition.

Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer

Hon. Harry Johnston presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the District Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. The committee recommended Mr. Glenn Page as Chair, Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson as Vice Chair, and Dr. Mark Berry as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion to approve the slate of board members for election was made by Hon. Johnston. The motion was seconded by Hon. Carlotta Harrell and passed without opposition.

Water Supply Status / Litigation Update

Ms. Katherine Zitsch provided an overview of rainfall and lake levels across the District. Ms. Zitsch also presented an update on litigation within the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basin and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River basin as well as Georgia Senate Bill 115.

District Guidance on Embedded Stormwater Best Management Practices

Ms. Katherine Atteberry provided an overview of a guidance document prepared by District Staff addressing embedded stormwater best management practices. District staff will follow up with local stormwater managers and provide an update to the Governing Board during the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting.

Chairwoman Carlotta Harrell

Hon. Harrell expressed her reservations regarding the existing local stormwater management regulations in the Shoal Creek watershed within Henry County.

Agriculture and Water Connections in Georgia with Video Presentation – The Flint River – A Georgia Treasure

Mr. Robin Singletary, Mr. Gordon Rogers, Mr. Mark Masters, and Ms. Katherine Zitsch held a panel discussion to discuss the connections between urban and agricultural water management in the Flint River.

Staff Updates

Ms. Sarah Skinner announced the winners of the 2023 High School Video Contest and shared the new opportunity where the District will begin working with Georgia Public Broadcasting to develop a “Virtual Learning Journey” website in Q3 2023.

Mr. Danny Johnson presented an overview of the District’s Smart Leak Detector Rebate Program launch scheduled for July 1, 2023.

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting.